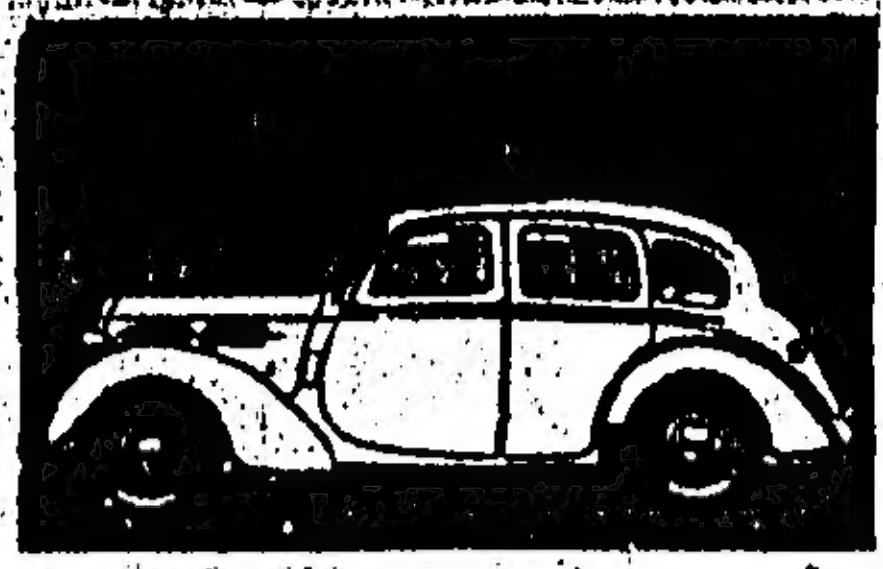


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RECORD R.A.F. ESTIMATES INTRODUCED: £250,000 A DAY

Aircraft Production Shows 400 Per Cent. Increase Since 1938

LONDON, MAR. 9.
INTRODUCING THE AIR ESTIMATES, TOTALLING £205,000,000
IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD,
THE AIR MINISTER, GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATED THE GROWTH
OF THE AIR FORCE.

He disclosed that the present figure was twelve times greater
than in any year from 1929 to 1934, and double the aggregate of
expenditure on the three defence services for the financial year of
1932-33.

A WORLD IN ARMS

	Planes (incl. line reserves)	Plane Production	Air Per- sonnel	Naval Tonnage	Standing Armies	Army Reserves
United States	2,000	4,000	40,000	1,620,000	175,000	300,000
France	2,500	4,000	40,000	1,620,000	175,000	300,000
Germany	2,200	3,000	30,000	785,000	700,000	600,000
Italy	1,000	10,000	200,000	465,000	1,500,000	5,000,000
Japan	2,200	3,000	120,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
Germany-Italy-Japan	13,000	10,000	310,000	2,255,000	2,550,000	14,500,000
Democracies	7,700	16,000	200,000	4,309,000	1,192,000	6,350,000
Russia	6,000	4,000	150,000	315,000	1,300,000	8,000,000

Figures in all countries are liable to sudden change, but this table, based on
the most reliable data, shows the position at beginning of 1939.

This year's increase of
£74,000,000 in the air
estimates equals the total
defence estimates for 1913.

The biggest single item is
£93,000,000 for aircraft and
balloons.

Thirty-five R.A.F. companies,
and an auxiliary territorial ser-
vice for women were being
formed.

INCREASED PERSONNEL

It was expected that the air force
programme would necessitate a
further 20,000 in personnel this year.

It was proposed to increase the
total personnel to 102,000.
Greater progress than anticipated
had been made in the deliveries of air
force engines, the construction of
stations and factories, and extension
of the balloon barrage scheme.

The appeal in June for 31,800
pilots, observers, airmen and boys
during the present financial year had
been excellent, and the figure was
passed last week (Cheer).

The quality of the recruits was
excellent.

RESERVE FORCES

The estimates included provision
for reserve flying and auxiliary forces.
Thirty-three centres had been formed
in urban areas, and it was hoped to
organise 20 more in the coming year.

It was decided to extend the
reserve flying and training organi-
sation overseas, and he hoped it
would be possible to form sections,
for example in Malaya, Hongkong,
and East Africa, to enable local
residents to qualify for the volun-
teer reserve.

Referring to the balloon defence
scheme, the Minister said that the
barrage in London could now be
operated should the occasion demand.
He hoped that all other barrages
throughout the country would be
completed by the end of the year.

The civil air guard had over 1,400
members possessing flying licences,
and 3,800 undergoing flying training.
The standard of airmanship was
higher than ever before. By April 1,
the number of first-line aircraft at
Home would reach 1,750.

30 SQUADRONS OVERSEAS

There were now thirty squadrons
established overseas, and seven more
were to be formed in accordance with
the programme to increase the
overseas strength to 500 first-line
aircraft.

Referring to new aircraft, Sir
Kingsley Wood said that the
British bomber and fighter forces
were the best in the world.

They had not abandoned tradition-
al reliance on the value of counter-
offensive as an essential element of
strategy.

A powerful striking force was not
only a strong deterrent to attack, but
a vital component in any sound
system of air defence.

The developments of recent
years had reduced the supremacy
of the offensive, and had added to
the strength of the defensive in the
air, but that did not mean that they
could rely for defence on the air
alone, and ground defences alone.
All the eleven factories established
under the shadow scheme were now
operating.

Sir Kingsley Wood announced a
new development in the organisation
of aircraft production. Three of
four firms would be formed into a
group and orders placed for one
type of aircraft to be distributed
among this group, which facilitated
large-scale planning and ordering,
and would also reduce dislocation
that might result in a war if one of
the manufacturers was unable to
continue production. It would also
reduce the number of designs.

INCREASED PRODUCTION

Production was proceeding on a
rapidly increasing basis. Britain was
now producing 2,500,000 aircraft
production of aircraft alone, and that
(Continued on Page 4.)

Death Was Cheated By Doctors



PHILADELPHIA DOCTORS have cheated Death.
Recently a young woman, twenty-two years old, was admitted
into Philadelphia General Hospital.

Doctors examined her and shook their heads gravely. They
found her suffering from one of the most dreaded scourges of
humanity—tuberculosis.

In hospital they examined her further, and were alarmed to
discover that she was to become a mother.

With every resource of modern medical science they fought to
save her life at least until her baby was born.

They failed.

In a last desperate effort they performed a post-mortem
Caesarean operation four minutes after the tragic mother had
breathed her last.

A living child was delivered. Death had reluctantly given
back a life for a life.

Boxer Indemnity

74 CONTRACTS FOR BRITISH MATERIAL

LONDON, Mar. 9.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Chinese Government
Purchasing Commission was held this afternoon in the Chinese
Embassy, when the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi
presided in the presence of Sir Ralph Wedgwood, Mr. A. R.
Guinness, Mr. C. A. McEuen, Lord Riverdale, and C. C.
Wang.

HINT OF NEW TAX

Bond Restrictions In England

LONDON, Mar. 9.
THE NEWS that official
notices have been sent to im-
porters restricting withdrawals
of ex-bond tea, sugar and tobacco,
is regarded in City circles as a
pre-Budget measure, but prom-
inent interests are of the
opinion that the notices do not
necessarily anticipate increased
taxation.

On the contrary, possibility of one
or other of these commodities coming
in for increased taxation is in no way
ruled out.

It is also possible that the restric-
tion may have been imposed as a
precautionary measure to safeguard
consumers against unwarranted
speculation in connection with the
Budget.

It is held likely that the Chancellor
of the Exchequer, realising the bur-
den of armaments and so far borne
exclusively by the higher income
groups, may consider the time has
come for practical training. (Continued on Page 4.)

Air Force Reserve To Be Formed In Hongkong

HONGKONG CITIZENS are shortly to be asked to
enrol in a Volunteer Reserve of the Royal Air Force.

This reserve will probably be
distinct from the existing Air
Arm of the Hongkong Volunteer
Defence Corps.

Local residents will qualify as
volunteer reserves of the Royal
Air Force, and, as such, would be
called up in times of emergency.

Similar reserves are being formed
in Singapore and other Colonies.

It is believed that R.A.F. personnel
and planes in Hongkong will be
adequately strengthened before the
end of the current year, in conformity
with the Air Ministry's decision to
bring up the number of overseas
R.A.F. squadrons to 500.

Air Disaster Sequel

\$200,000 Suit Against Imperial Airways

NEW YORK, Mar. 9.
A SUIT claiming \$200,000 for
the loss of her husband in the
Cavaller flying-boat disaster on
January 21 has been filed against
Imperial Airways in the Federal
Court by Mrs. Katherine Miller,
of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Her husband, Donald Walter Miller,
one of the passengers on the flying-
boat, was drowned.

Compensation is also demanded by
Mrs. Miller, who was rescued, for the
loss of baggage valued at \$1,100.

Her lawyer declared: "The pur-
pose of the suit is to fix responsibility
for the accident."—Reuter.

Another Note For the W.P.B.

LONDON, Mar. 9.
Asked whether he was aware that
all British trade in Chefoo and
Wahaiwei was at a standstill owing
to the Japanese refusal to permit
cargoes to be exported unless fi-
nanced through the Yokohama Specie
Bank, Mr. R. A. Butler replied in the
affirmative.

He added that the Foreign Secre-
tary was in communication with Sir
Robert Craigie, the British Am-
bassador to Tokyo, with regard to
the whole question of trade and ex-
change control measures introduced
into the North China ports.—Reuter.

NATIONAL SERVICE

480,000 Volunteers In Britain

LONDON, Mar. 9.

REPLYING to a query in the
House of Commons to-day, Mr.
Ernest Brown, Minister of
Labour, declared that so far
480,000 registrations had been
recorded as a result of the
voluntary service campaign.

It is generally commented here that
there is quite a discrepancy between
the figure given by the Minister of
Labour and that mentioned in a re-
cent broadcast speech by the Lord
Privy Seal, Sir John Anderson, who
declared that of the expected 1,500,-
000 volunteers, 1,200,000 had already
answered the call by registering.

Another question concerning the
present state of evacuation measures
for city children in the event of war
was answered by the Minister of
Health, Mr. Walter Elliot, who stated
that the number of offers received
from the country far exceeded the
number of lodgings required for
children in the case of emergency.

—Trans-Ocean.

Refugees In Prague

Thousands Remain In Disembled Country

Prague, Mar. 9.
According to an announcement by
the official refugees bureau, there are
150,000 persons registered as refugees
in Prague alone.

Of these, 10,000 are emigrants from
other countries, mainly Germany,
and 82,000 of them, or more than
half, are unemployed.

Statistics further reveal that in
Bohemia and Moravia only 60,000
refugees are receiving support, and in
Slovakia there are only 4,000 out of
a total of 12,000 refugees dependent
on the State.

Concerning emigration from
Czechoslovakia, an official an-
nouncement states that 8,000 persons,
nearly all Jews, had left the country
since October last.

In addition to 10,000 foreigners
who would not be allowed to make
a permanent residence in the coun-
try, there were 11,000 waiting for an
opportunity to leave Czechoslovakia.
—Trans-Ocean.

LOYALIST PLANES BOMBING MADRID

Rebellion Against Miaja's New Republican Government

MADRID, Mar. 9.
AIRCRAFT, ACTING under the orders of
General Miaja's junta, is constantly bombing the
rebels in the city.

Madrid's wireless station announced to-day that
motorised units were rapidly advancing on Madrid to
quell the Communist disturbances.

The rebels were offering little
resistance, and were constantly
deserting to the Junta's ranks.

All entrances to Madrid were
in the hands of the National
Defence Council's forces, and it
was expected that normal condi-
tions would be restored with
little delay.

It was announced that 1,400 Com-
munist prisoners were taken when the
headquarters surrendered last night.

—Reuter.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN CITY

Burgos, Mar. 9.
The Communists, whose uprising
against the National Defence Council
appeared on Wednesday evening, have
been crushed, took the offen-
sive again to-day, and by midday
had penetrated into the heart of the
city.

Severe fighting is said to be going
on in the neighbourhood of the
Ministerio and the Hipodromo.

The Communists are said to have
occupied several public buildings, and
it is believed this turn of events is
due to the defection of a large part
of the Madrid garrison, which, it is
stated, has revolted against the
National Defence Council.

On the other hand, Republican
troops in the environs of the capital
are said to be supporters of General
Miaja.

The advance of the Communists in
Madrid was made simultaneously
with the systematic cutting off of the
roads leading from the capital.

The Communists this morning
occupied the villages of Vallejos, on
the road to Valencia, Canillejas, on
the road to Guadalajara, and Canilla
and Hortaliza on the road to Burgos,
thus forming a Communist ring
around Madrid.

CARABINIERI DESERT

After the desertion to the Com-
munist camp of the main body of the
Carabinieri Corps in Madrid,
General Miaja is said to have issued
orders for the recall to the capital of
troops from the Guadalajara sector.

The Communists have dug trenches
and erected barricades near Canillejas
in order to intercept these reinforce-
ments.

Other troops of General Miaja are
said to be marching on Madrid from
Valencia. Some of the troops are
reported to be already in firing dis-
tance of the capital, and to be
bombarding the Communist positions
in the immediate vicinity of the city.

Another report says that General
Franco has decided to hasten his
offensive against Madrid in view of
the growing chaos there.—Trans-
Ocean.

BLOCKADE OF COAST

LONDON, Mar. 9.
The British Government's attitude
to General Franco's blockade of the
Spanish coast on the Mediterranean
even within territorial waters was
outlined to-day by Viscount
Halifax when replying to the debate
on Spain in the House of Lords.

He said that the text of the note
announcing the blockade, of which
the Government had advised the
British shipping, contained no indication
of any action against shipping out-
side territorial waters, and the
Government assumed that such
action was not contemplated.

He wished to make it plain that if
action was taken outside of terri-
torial waters, His Majesty's Govern-
ment would be obliged to resist such
action as had been done in the past.

SERIOUS MATTER

He must also make it perfectly
clear that the Government would re-
gard as a very serious matter the
sinking of a British merchantman
even within territorial waters,
especially if due warning had not
been given and adequate steps taken
for the safety of the crew.

His Majesty's ships had been in-
structed to give all necessary protec-
tive vessels which might be the
objects of such attacks and to re-
sist even inside territorial waters
against any submarine taking such an
indiscreet action.—Reuter.

TO WRITE MEMOIRS

San Sebastian, Mar. 9.
According to a Burgos report, ex-
President Manuel Azana, succeeded in
taking a considerable amount of
documentary material, and a great
deal of his private papers, which
will be used in his memoirs.

(Continued on Page 4.)

ICHANG HOLOCAUST

JAPANESE VERSION

One-Third Of City Lies In Ruins

THE JAPANESE VERSION

of the horrifying air raids which
yesterday demolished Ichang,
the treaty port on the Yangtze
River, was released this morning
in the form of an official com-
munique.

Last night unimpeachable neutral
reports stated that the death roll was
in the vicinity of 1,000, with about
2,000 other casualties.

One-third of the city of 75,000 in-
habitants has been totally razed.

The Japanese naval communique
states that three successive raids
were carried out on the city, the
Japanese planes taking advantage of
the return of fine weather to launch
their attacks from the former Chinese
aerodrome at Wuchang.

"HUGE BOMBS"

In the first raid an unspecified
number of bombs—Chinese reports
state that eighteen participated—
dropped a considerable number of
"huge bombs on the stores of munitions
outside the East Gate."

The Japanese communique adds
that ten large configurations were
started in the eastern section of the
city.

The second raid was made on the
centre of the city where, claims the
Japanese communique, the objectives
were the headquarters of the 77th
Division and Police Headquarters.

The third raid followed almost
immediately.

"With the conclusion of the third
raid," adds the communique, "the
important Chinese military base of
Ichang was practically reduced to
ruins."

LATEST

British Ship Runs Blockade

LONDON, Mar. 9.
The Spanish Relief Committee re-
ports that the British ship Stangate,
with a cargo of foodstuffs, success-
fully ran the Franco blockade, and
is now unloading in Valencia harbour.

It is stated that a British warship
intercepted the voyage to warn the
Stangate's captain of the blockade.—
Reuter Special.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

German Reaction To Speech

Berlin, Mar. 9.
An inspired statement regarding
Mr. Horre Ballha's speech yesterday
declares that Germany is less in-
terested in the facts of British re-
armament than in the mentality
which appears to inspire it.

It is regarded as probable that Brit-
ish armaments preparations for the
transportation of 15 divisions of
infantry and 10 divisions of armor
are being accelerated.

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Spring Fashions Snap From Paris

SKIRTS SHORTER—17 INCHES OFF THE GROUND New Veils To Give You Glamour

PARIS.
SKIRTS ARE OFFICIALLY SEVENTEEN INCHES FROM THE GROUND. SHOULDERS ARE WIDE, WAISTS NORMAL. This fashion flash from the Paris salons gives you a flying start with the new Spring styles.

The very smartest thing is a new coat style—a coat glove-fitting at the top, but with a swashbuckling Regency flare to the back. This coat is going to be a big success. It is immensely flattering to almost any figure.

The news about tailored suits is that jackets and skirts are divorced. The jackets are gay with checks, or stripes, while the skirts are plain—or vice versa.

Skirts have a new swagger to them. In place of pencil slims, the skirt cut on the bias with full hem-line. An unpressed box pleat gives it even further jauntness.

YELLOW-FAVOURITE
Whoever way you look at the new frocks you see gathers. There are gathers on the bosom, gathers at the waist, gathers on the hip-line.

Sometimes, a sleeve is gathered at the seam to give it a draped appearance.

Yellow is top-of-the-poll colour. There are big splashes of it for jackets, coats, or frocks, and the shades range from coolest lemon.

Pink and fuchsia are still popular, as are the blues, from sky to navy. Hats are more varied than ever. They can be small or large, tip-tipped or worn right at the back of the head, with curls showing in front.

But one feature is common to nearly all the hats—gay veils of finely-woven, coloured mesh. Sometimes they float behind, sometimes they stick up in perky bows, or again they are used mistily to veil the eyes.

These veils should lend you glamour this Spring.

Lady Mary Lygon To Marry Prince

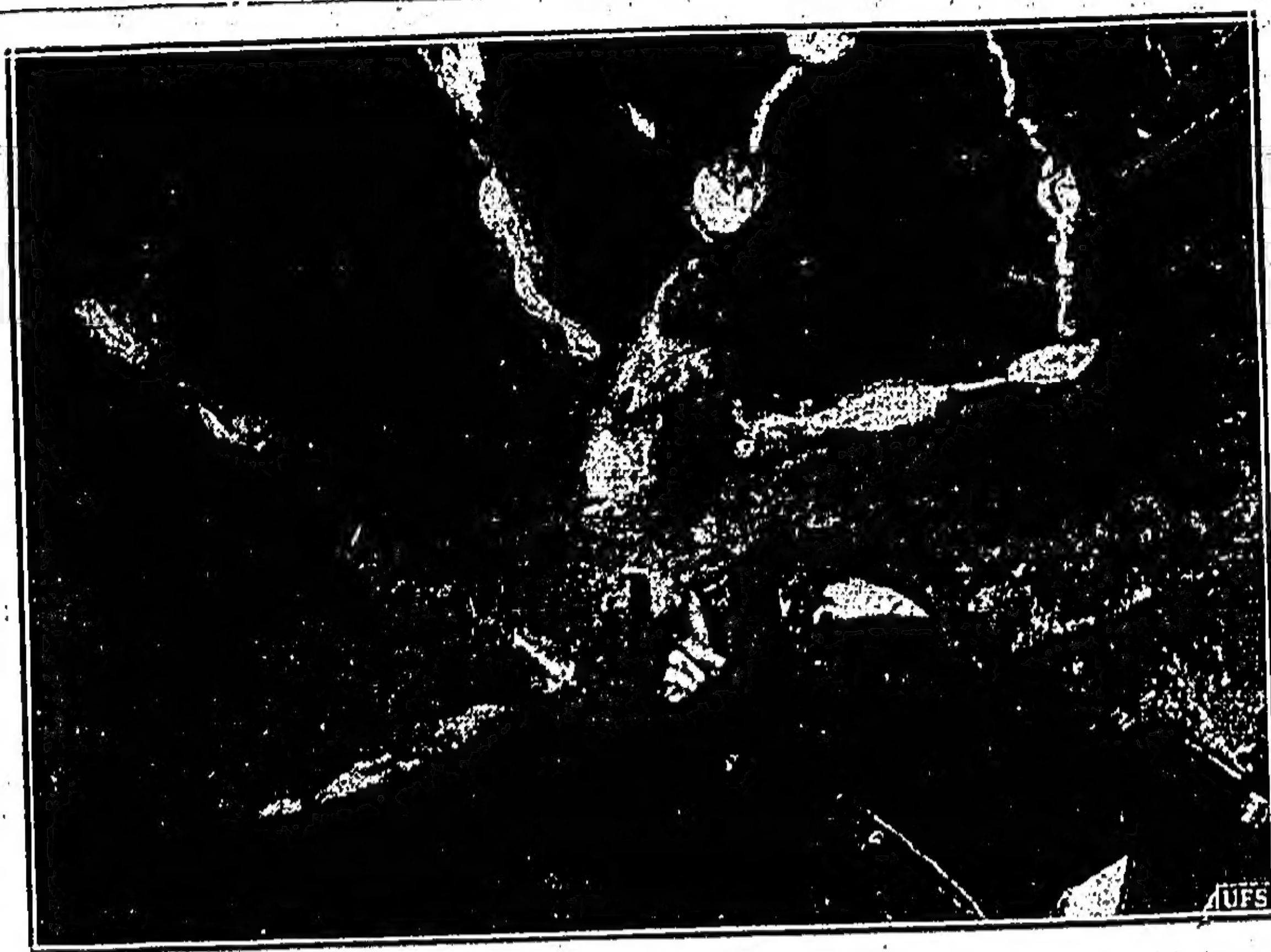
Lady Mary Lygon, third daughter of the late Earl Beauchamp, and a sister of the present Earl, is to marry Prince Vsevolod, a Russian.

Prince Vsevolod is 25 and his fiancée is 29. They met at a private party 15 months ago.

The engagement was made known recently when Lady Mary Lygon said that the marriage would probably take place in June.

Prince Vsevolod's father was murdered by the Bolsheviks in 1918. The prince was only four years old and was brought to England by his mother, a sister of the late King Alexander of Yugoslavia.

He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, and has for some time been associated with a firm of London wine merchants.



Huge shale slab fell from the ceiling in the Black Diamond coal mine near Renton, Wash., and disclosed an event held secret for thousands of years. It showed that a prehistoric animal of some sort had passed that way and had left its birdlike footprint, 42 inches long by 30 inches wide. Superintendent W. J. Evans points to it.

Doctors "Broke" Her Neck

One of the most delicate operations of modern surgery has been performed by surgeons at the Royal Waterloo Hospital, S.E.1, on a 45-year-old Birmingham woman suffering from a tumour on the spinal cord.

It is the second time that such an operation has been carried out at the hospital. The patient in the previous case, a girl of 19, is now cured.

An official of the hospital said that to reach the tumour surgeons had to cut away part of the vertebrae near the nape of the neck.

An iron lung and other respiratory aids are kept ready, as the tumour was close to the part of the brain which controls breathing.

Mother Sacrifices Her Ear For Baby Son

LEEDS.
BY sacrificing her ear, 27-years-old Mrs. Herbert Pannett, of Ripley-street, Leeds, has been able to ensure that, by a miracle of surgery, her two-years-old son, Barry, will be able to go through life undisturbed.

Her left ear has been grafted to the head of her son after Barry lost his in a road accident.

Recently Mrs. Pannett learned that after two further operations her son will have an almost perfect ear. She said that her fair, bobbed hair will prevent anyone from noticing her loss.

Doctors say that Barry will be able to hear normally, and Mrs. Pannett's hearing also will not be affected.

It is expected that Barry will be some months under treatment.

Young Boy Shows Judge

Thirteen-year-old Peter Ibbotson, of Callender Road, Catford, S.E., demonstrated to Mr. Justice Tucker in the King's Bench Division recently how to load and fire a toy pistol.

Peter was giving evidence in an action in which, suing through his father, Mr. Arthur Victor Ibbotson, he was claiming damages for personal injuries, caused, it is alleged, when the pistol jammed, and a blank cartridge exploded in his face.

The defendants, R. A. Harper and Co., of Central Parade, Catford, who sold the pistol, denied the allegations of negligence or breach of contract.

Mr. Justice Tucker, entering judg-

"Seal Coat Illness" Claim Fails

A WOMAN who complained that she contracted dermatitis after wearing a dyed seal-skin coat, and "swelled up like a balloon," brought an action in the King's Bench Division recently against the firm which supplied the skins for the coat.

Mr. Justice Atkinson ruled that there was no case to go to the jury and gave judgment for the defendants, with costs.

Mrs. Rebecca Berg, of Weston Avenue, N.W., had claimed damages against the Moscow Fur Trading Company (London), Limited, of Queen Street, E.C., alleging negligence and breach of duty. The company denied liability.

CAUGHT IN THE RAIN

Mr. Tristram Beresford, K.C., for Mrs. Berg, said that in 1937 Mr. Berg, a West End furrier, bought some dyed seal-skins from the defendants and had them made into a coat for his wife.

Mrs. Berg was caught in the rain while wearing the coat and the collar got wet. Her neck and wrists began to irritate. The irritation became worse and later it was found that Mrs. Berg was suffering from acute furdermatitis.

Mrs. Berg said: "I could not see, and I looked like a balloon."

Mr. Jack Charles Hill, manager of the company, said that their agents bought the dyed skins in the U.S.A. They were sold to Mr. Berg's firm without condition or warranty of any kind.

Mr. N. L. Macneil, K.C., for the defendants, submitted that Mrs. Berg's condition was due to the negligence of the man who bought the skins from the defendants, because he was warned that he took them at risk.

ment for defendants with costs, said there was no evidence that the pistol was defective.

EMPIRE NEWS

Rangoon.
The police recently used tear gas against a riotous mob, which had attacked the car of the Police Commissioner, Mr. Reynolds.

The Commissioner, accompanied by Mr. Prescott, another officer, was going to the scene of a disturbance. Police were trying to disperse a crowd, including Buddhist priests and women, which was interfering with strike-breaking motor-buses.

The situation became so threatening that the police fired over the heads of the crowd. Nobody was injured, but nine suffered from the effects of the tear gas, and three were hurt in a baton charge.

The strikers now make no pretence of economic demands. They are parading the streets with the hammer and sickle, shouting revolutionary slogans.

NEW ZEALAND

DEFENCE MEASURES URGED

Auckland.
Major-Gen. Sir Andrew Russell, who commanded the New Zealand Division in France, said the Dominion was not prepared for defence or attack. He appealed for compulsory training for a continuous three to six months so as to create a force capable of defence or for overseas service.

He advocated the acquisition of submarines and contributions to one or two capital ships.

Fall in Imports.—During the first month under the system of licensed imports the Customs receipts in the four chief centres fell from £815,497 to £78,536.

INDIA

COTTON INDUSTRY ACTIVITY

Calcutta.
"India is the world's second largest producer of cotton, and the role which this crop plays in the agricultural and national economy of the country cannot be over-estimated," says the annual report of the Indian Central Cotton Committee.

The year witnessed a great activity in the Indian mill industry, the season's total consumption of Indian cotton in mills reaching the peak figure of 2,993,839 bales of 400lb each, against 2,631,296 bales in 1936-37—including Burma up to March 31, 1937.

The fall in prices of cotton, coupled with Japan's preoccupation with the war in China, probably contributed to the increase, of which 62 per cent. was in the Bombay Presidency and 26 per cent. in Indian States.

SOUTH AFRICA

ENCOURAGING GAME RESERVE VISITORS

Cape Town.
Huts with kitchenettes, paraffin stoves and spring mattresses are to be built at Skukuza, in the Kruger National Park, next season, as an experiment. Each will accommodate two people, and will provide a degree of comfort not hitherto available to visitors to the game reserve.

The National Parks Board is reluctant to make the Park accommodation too luxurious, but these experimental huts will go some way towards meeting the wishes of a large body of tourists who desire better accommodation than at present exists.

BRITISH GUIANA

CHURCHES CONDEMN HOUSING

Georgetown.
The Ministers' "fraternal memorandum" to the Royal Commission, which the heads of the Scots Methodist, Congregational, Salvation Army and Moravian denominations signed, was published recently. It states:

"Housing conditions are a disgrace to a civilized country. The laborers' present plight is a stain on Britain's fair name. The situation is not reconcilable with any doctrine of colonial trusteeship or profession of Christianity."

The Commission listened to an exposition by Mr. Crane, senior stipendiary and former legislator, on land settlement in British Guiana and the proposal for a tariff union for all West Indian colonies.

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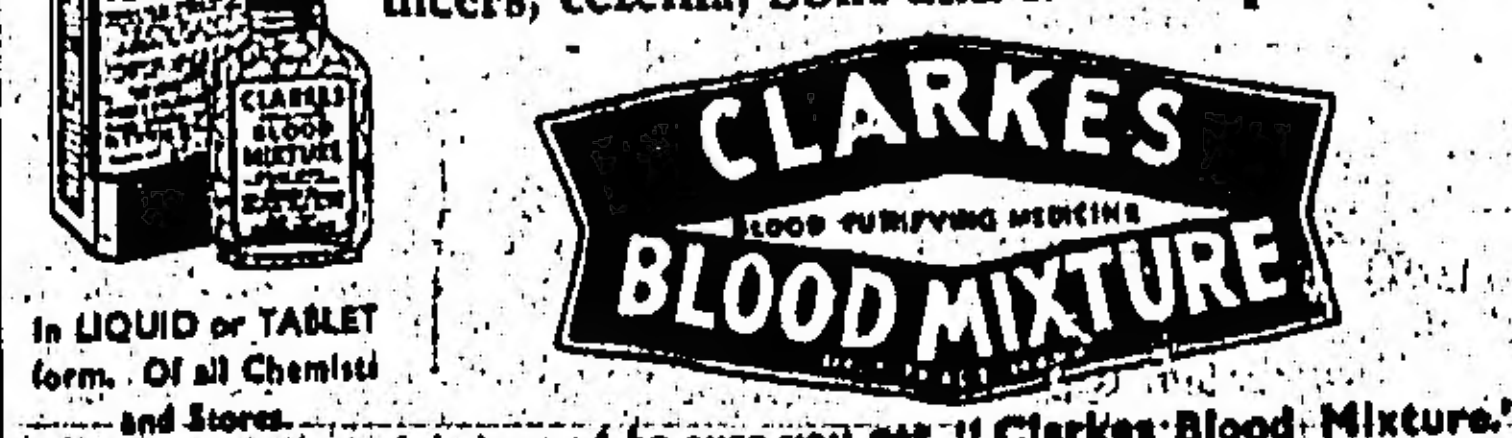
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AIR FLEETS TO FLY ON COAL

British Oil Sensation

BRITAIN'S air fleets of the future may fly on synthetic petrol, the product of Britain's semi-derelict coal-fields. Such is the possibility opened up by activities in the little mining village of Glenboig, Coatbridge, Glasgow.

Here, a demonstration plant is making synthetic oil from coal—at the rate of 200 gallons a day. The product is a crude oil which splits up into 50 per cent. lubricating oil.

The motor spirit with the addition of appropriate amounts of tetra ethyl lead, becomes an aeroplane spirit comparable with the highest grade, such as is used in the fastest military machines.

SIXPENCE A GALLON

The crude synthetic oil made by the demonstration plant at present costs 1d. a gallon. But it is claimed that once the process is working directly at the pit-heads, by collieries giving their entire output over to oil production, the cost per gallon will fall to at most 6d.

Motor spirit can be imported at 4½d. a gallon. The Government, however, guarantees a preference of 8d. a gallon to home-produced motor spirit and diesel oil.

This, on the comparatively low costs of the synthetic process, brings home production into the sphere of commercial enterprise.

Imported motor spirit stored for any prolonged period "gums" and may have to be refined again. Synthetic petrol does not "gum." Such a point has obvious military importance.

The demonstration plant is working on a new British process which, its sponsors say, may revolutionise the oil situation in this country.

RESCUING THE COALFIELDS

Recently it was discussed with its managing director, Mr. E. B. Whalley. He claims that there, at last, is an economical and efficient synthetic process, the development of which would mean rescuing the semi-derelict coalfields of Great Britain, which should henceforward be regarded as our chief sources of oil supply.

The Labour Party's report on "Oil from Coal" made a favourable comment on its process, recommending the creation of six plants.

Since then it has been improved by the introduction of a sulphur-resisting catalyst, and the semi-con-

mercial plant has been erected at the Bedlay Colliery, Glenboig.

Broadly, the position, as Whalley explains it, is this. There are three older methods of making oil from coal, all of which seem to have failed. High and low temperature carbonisation are too expensive. At Billingham, a big plant is working at temperatures and pressures that eat through steel like mice eating cheese.

The other process is the German Fischer and Tropsch process, in which certain British collieries have taken an interest.

This one is expensive, and even in Germany, the plant is now being used almost entirely for the production of chemicals, and edible and other uses. There seems no likelihood of its being used here.

By contrast, the synthetic oil process is simple. It works at a temperature of about 100 degrees centigrade, at pressures not much higher than that of the atmosphere.

Its raw material is coke—almost any sort of coke, made from any sort of coal. In other processes metallurgical coke has been used. This has two disadvantages—one, that it is dear; the other that it uses up a valuable raw material.

The synthetic oil process saves costly expenses in grading, screening, and cleaning the coal. Coke made from dirty coal is good enough for its purpose.

SPECIAL PROPERTIES

From the roller, ordinary blue water gas is obtained (not the purified water gas of other processes). This is converted into a crude oil, which fractionates as indicated above.

Special properties are claimed for the lubricating oil. It has a great temperature range—that is to say, it would be suitable for aeroplanes, which fly in a few minutes from a temperate zone near the ground to a frigid zone in the upper air.

Crude synthetic oil need not be made into motor spirit, but can be cracked up into a number of valuable solvents, waxes, and other products.

But the importance of the motor spirit, which can be turned into kerosene, is obvious.

It is hard to find out," said Mr. Whalley, "what the Government pays for its 'octane 88' petrol. Presumably, it pays no duty. Even so, I have been told that it pays 3s. 6d. a gallon. If it paid only 1s. 6d. a gallon, that would give a price well within our scope. 'We don't argue only from military necessity,' said Mr. Whalley. 'What we argue is that for normal peace-time needs our coalfields should be regarded as all sources.'

Compared with 1913, British coal output is down by 45 million tons. This would convert into 7,500,000 tons. Experts believe it would take years before coal could be converted on this scale. But it is argued that this only makes a stronger case for beginning the job soon.

Car Bandits Made P.C. Leap For Life

POLICE were recently searching for bandits who raided three houses near Worplesdon (Surrey) golf club and broke through a police cordon in a stolen car, nearly knocking down an officer.

Motorists on all main roads from Woking to London and the coast were stopped and questioned.

DROVE AT P.C.

P. C. Spriggs, who was guarding Black Horse Lane, attempted to stop a small saloon car.

The driver drove straight at the officer, who had to jump aside to avoid being knocked down.

In falling he managed to obtain the number of the car, which was later reported stolen from the garage of Mr. B. Jobling, of The Gale House, Worplesdon Hill.

When, shortly after midday, the car was found abandoned in a by-road near Guildford with some of the stolen property in it, the police cordon was withdrawn.

The cordon, for which police on duty were reinforced by others called from their beds, was hurriedly drawn when Captain Charles Napier Ambrose, of Bracken Lodge, Worplesdon Hill, reported that his house had been broken into. Silver and jewellery were stolen.

Wasp Stings Nearly Fatal

James P. Curtis is allergic to wasps and when one stung him he almost died. Doctors worked over him for five hours and administered adrenalin before they could restore him to consciousness.

STRIKE CAUSES SORE FEET



Strike for increased wages by more than 4,000 elevator operators in New York City tied up hundreds of buildings, particularly in the fur and garment centres, and prevented more than 100,000 employees from going to work. Above, Jeanne Gregory, left, her sister Irene, right, and Lillian Benson, clothes models, started to hike to the 36th floor.

NEW SOLDIER WEARS WIND SUIT, SKI TROUSERS, GAITERS

BRITAIN'S new Army-on-Wheels demonstrated its speed and hitting power on the plains of Aldershot recently to members of Parliament, and the new soldier paraded in battle order that would puzzle the veterans of 1914-18.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, the Minister of War, was not there himself—there was a Cabinet meeting—but he had commanded a showing of the Army's closest secrets, and 148 M.P.s ploughed through Aldershot's yellow mud to see them.

Among the weapons of destruction and terror, Mr. Magician-Belisha put on show a magic carpet, fifty yards long. A few days ago a field was filled with heavy poison gas. A roll of this "carpet"—it looks like three thicknesses of paper—was laid across the field, and 1,000 men walked across it without getting their Army boots burned or contaminated.

The men in gas-masks who stood beside the carpet wore yellow cuffs over their oilskins. These cuffs would have changed colour if a trace of poison gas had come over on the cold wind.

Yellow discs were scattered on the ground. They were "gas detectors" too. That is a gas detection sound in the new Army.

Some of the smarter-booted officers said they disliked the new battle dress for the foot soldier.

Gone are puttees. They give way to small ankle gaiters like those of the Marines. Brass buttons have given way to bakelite buttons.

The soldier will go into battle in a windproof suit, the close-fitting tunic buttoning into khaki trousers that would do well for ski-ing.

This uniform was in the experimental stage up to the crisis. Since then thousands have been issued. Army chemists are experimenting, and believe that soon they will be able to make the material gas-proof as well as windproof.

M.P.s climbed a hill and packed themselves into a stand with a wide view to get a glimpse of the new mechanised Army on the move. Twelve scout-like armoured cars appeared in the mist a mile away. In less than two minutes, leaping over the rough ground, they were past the stand.

Of eleven different types of tank shown, seven are on the secret list. One, fast and heavily armoured, looks like a submarine. There is a short periscope through which the gunner in the round conning tower takes his sights, and the driver, safe from all non-piercing bullets, also looks into a periscope. This is an assault tank.

The commentator said: "It represents a new conception in design and construction considerably in advance of foreign countries." All of the tank squadrons were commanded by radio. Thin, upright aerials waved from their shapes like the feelers of underwater monsters.



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Toledo, O. City police reported a 30 per cent. reduction in automobile thefts during 1938, compared with 1937. Last year 763 cars were stolen and all except 22 were recovered.



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TOMBOLA at the Filipino Club, every Sunday at 11 a.m. Members please note the annual meeting will be held the same day at 3 p.m.

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GIANT ZINNIA SEEDS have just been received. Ask for our summer list. The Clover Flower Shop.

CURRENCY RESTRICTION

Last-Minute Change In Japanese Plan

PEIPING, Mar. 9. A LAST-MINUTE change in the plan to make the old national currency illegal in North China as from March 11 was made today.

The "Provisional Government" has announced that from March 11, North China would be divided into two zones for currency purposes, a Federal Reserve zone and a "Bandit" zone.

The Federal Reserve zone is limited to eleven towns in Hopei, Shantung, Shansi, and Honan, including Peiping, Tientsin, Tsingtau, and Chefoo, in which people found carrying old currency would be liable to a fine and property confiscation after March 11.

The order says that circulation of the Federal Reserve currency would be extended to other places as the Japanese military operations extend.

RECORD R.A.F. ESTIMATES INTRODUCED: £250,000 A DAY

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figure would rise still further, added Sir Kingsley Wood.

The Air Minister recalled that in November he estimated that by next year aircraft output would show a 400 per cent. increase over May, 1938. He was now hopeful that the increase would be achieved by the end of the present year.

In conclusion, he emphasised that the estimates were unprecedented, but necessary, as they believed that to be one of the best means of preventing war. They looked forward to the time when reasonable and sane courses would prevail throughout the world.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Any person who had witnessed the accident which occurred on the 4th of this month at 3.15 p.m. in Nathan Road when a boy, 14 years of age, riding a bicycle was knocked down and killed by Lorry No. 6053 will please communicate with Mr. B. P. Nong of No. 168, Hai Tan Street, 1st floor, Shamshui, Kowloon.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the under-mentioned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

23 Committed At Old Bailey

London, Mar. 9.

Twenty-two men and one girl were committed for trial at Old Bailey when they appeared today at the Bow Street court on charges under the Explosives Substances Act.

Among the accused who were apprehended in London and various parts of the country, following recent bomb outrages, were 18 charged specially with conspiring to use explosives.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4123. Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 4037, Tung Shi Road, Tai Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan.	About 5,184	\$36	\$15,552

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Rural Building Lot No. 420. South of Rural Building Lot No. 383, Mount Cameron Road.	As per sale plan.	About 22,400	\$253	\$22,068

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tin Hau Temple Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	Adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 420, Tin Hau Temple Road.	As per sale plan.	About 6,100	\$112	\$6,100

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at North Point, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	Adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 420, North Point.	As per sale plan.	About 6,400	\$119	\$6,400

British Trade Delegation Resumption Of Relations In Spain

LONDON, Mar. 9.

DESPITE AN authoritative denial recently given of the British Government's intention to send a trade delegation to Spain, the foundation announced here to-day of an Anglo-Spanish Committee of Commerce is regarded in British business circles as evidence that a determined effort will shortly be made to consolidate British economic influence in the peninsula.

The new committee consists of representatives of the Federation of British Industries, and of the British Chamber of Commerce in Spain. Its first objects will be to examine the question of the Spanish commercial debts in Great Britain, and to study the possibilities of developing future economic relations between the two countries.

British industry is particularly anxious to send finished goods such as locomotives, textile machinery and railway accessories, motor lorries and motor cars to Spain.

An increase in British coal exports is also envisaged.

It is stated that the new committee will shortly present to the British Government certain proposals in the interest of the furtherance of British trade with Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Credits For Brazil

Close Economic Collaboration

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.

AN EXCHANGE of notes calling for close economic collaboration has been made between the United States and Brazil, signed by Mr. Cordell Hull and Senor Aranha.

The two countries agree in freeing the Brazilian exchange market for commerce from the United States, the establishment of a Brazilian National Bank, and the resumption of payments of Brazil's dollar debts. The United States Exports and Imports Bank will extend credits not exceeding \$10,000,000 to the Bank of Brazil to enable the Brazilian Government to discontinue official control over foreign exchange operations. At the same time, the State Department will recommend that Congress place at Brazil's disposal gold up to \$50,000,000 to serve as assets for the Central Reserve Bank which Brazil was creating. The amount drawn upon would be from Brazil's future production of gold.

Senor Aranha announced that Brazil intended to resume payments on her dollar debts starting in July 1.—Reuter.

Appropriation Of Oil Wells

Negotiations In Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 9.

MR. RICHBERG, representative of foreign oil concerns in negotiations with President Cardenas regarding compensation for the expropriation of foreign oil property, made a statement to-day after a second conference with President Cardenas.

The statement reveals that the different methods of arriving at a solution of the expropriated oil fields in dispute were discussed.

Mr. Richberg will meet President Cardenas at 8 p.m. to-morrow, after meeting Senor Majera, the Mexican Ambassador to Washington to-morrow morning.

To-day's discussion was continued in the same amicable spirit, said Mr. Richberg, adding: "I feel that further progress was made."—Reuter.

HINT OF NEW TAX

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come when the population at large should be made to share the cost of the country's defences. Consideration of this kind may cause Sir John Simon to tax some of the more widely consumed commodities.

Ten circles are not unduly perturbed, expressing confidence that tea will not be chosen for additional taxation.

Nevertheless, "Reuter" understands that a deputation from the Tea Buyers Association is at present endeavouring to clarify the position at a conference with the authorities.

—Reuter.

London, Mar. 9.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons to-day that the President of the Board of Trade would introduce the Cotton Re-Organisation Bill into the House next week, indicating that the Government was determined to re-organise the cotton trade on a price-fixing basis.—United Press.

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE.

STOCKS: Barron's business Index is down again, from 74.8 to 73.9. The Electric Autolite Company's January business was 188 per cent. over the corresponding month of last year. The stock closed at 36 1/2. January paper board production was 20 per cent. over the same month of 1938, whilst unfilled orders have increased. The week's gain in carloadings is above seasonal. Engineering construction awards are down sharply. The price of lead has been raised.

The Secony-Vacuum Corporation's 1938 earnings are estimated at between \$0.80 and \$0.90. The profits are at present below those of last year.

Brazilian bonds are up on President Roosevelt's recommendation to place \$50,000,000 worth of gold at the disposal of the Export and Import Bank of Brazil to extend credits in order to free the exchange market for commercial transactions.

Stock Closing Price
Jones & Laughlin Steel, Pfd. \$54 1/2 b.
Richfield Oil Corp. 9 1/2
Safeway Stores 37 1/2
Standard Oil of Calif. 28 3/4

RUBBER: A 10 per cent. increase in tyre shipments is indicated. This means that rubber manufacturers' earnings for the first-half of 1939 would equal the last-half of 1938.

COPPER: Chile approves a progressive copper export tax. We think that Kennecott issues are over-sold.

WHEAT: New lows were recorded in Liverpool and Winnipeg.

COTTON: Sales of textiles have increased and prices are higher.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due.
Shanghai	Conle Rosso	March 10.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 18th February).	Emp. of Japan	March 10.
Manila	Hajda Maerck	March 10.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Kosima Maru	March 10.
Japan	Kutsang	March 10.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco	Pan American Airways Plane	March 10.
date, 1st March.		March 10.
Australia and Manila	Taiiping	March 10.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.)—London date, 9th February	Tantalus	March 10.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 6th March.	Hakozaki Maru	March 11.
Manila	Imperial Airways Plane	March 11.
Calcutta and Straits	Pres. Cleveland	March 11.
Tientsin and Swatow	Yunnan	March 11.
Shanghai and Swatow	Tulyuan	March 11.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tilbadak	March 11.
Shanghai	Glenogle	March 11.
Shanghai	Kaleyo Maru	March 11.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	March 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 8th March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 15.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Friday		
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East Kasima Maru	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Mar. 10.
and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles	Reg.	Mar. 10, 9.45 a.m.
—due Marseilles, 11th April	Ord.	Mar. 10, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wah	Fri., Mar. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Haliphong	Canton	Fri., Mar. 10, 2 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Haitan	Fri., Mar. 10, 3 p.m.
Brindisi—due Brindisi, 31st March.	Conle Rosso	Fri., Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China by the Air France Plane	Air France Plane	Fri., Mar. 10.
"Air France Airways Direct Service."		
	K. P. O.	Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 5.30 p.m.
	G. P. O.	Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service" due San Francisco, 17th March.	Pan American Airways Plane	Fri., Mar. 10.
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 10, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 10, 5.00 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 11, 7.30 a.m.

Saturday	
Papers only for Straits	Talma
Dairen	Tyndareus
Parcels and Papers only for Calcutta	Kutsang
	Parcels,
	Papers,
Fort Bayard and Pakhoi	Sulyang
Formosa and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru
	Sat, Mar. 11, 1.30 p.
Haliphong	Wingsang
Amoy	Shantung
Manila	Emp. of Britain Sat, Mar. 11, 4 p.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. and S. America and (Papers only for Canada) via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 30th March.	Pres. Cleveland
	G. P. O. and K. P. O.
	Parcels
	Reg. Mar. 11, 4.15 p.
	Ord. Mar. 11, 5 p.

Sunday	
Sandakan	Mausang ..Sun., Mar. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Chungking ...Sun., Mar. 12, 9 a.m.
Foocow via Swatow	Holhow
Suntow	Mingsang ..Sun., Mar. 12, 9 a.m.

LOYALIST PLANES BOMBING MADRID

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background to the former President's memoirs.

It is said that much of the material is compromising evidence against the former Premier, Dr. Negrin and his close friends.—Trans-Ocean.

ULTIMATUM

London, Mar. 9.

The Exchange Lisbon correspondent reports from Burgos that General Franco has not received any offers of peace negotiations from Madrid.

He is resolved, therefore, to order 300 Nationalist planes to fly over the city and drop ultimatum leaflets declaring that if Madrid is not surrendered immediately, violent bombardments of all places where Republicans are concentrated will be ordered.—United Press.

carried out within 24 hours—United Press.

FRENCH REACTION

Paris, Mar. 9. Since France has recognised the Nationalist Government in Spain it is felt at the Quai d'Orsay that there is nothing to be said against the blockade of the Republic's Spanish coast within Spanish waters by the Franco warships.

However, there is cautious expression of opinion about such cases in which vessels sailing under foreign flags, for example French merchant steamers, which attempt to reach Republican ports and are sunk without warning by the Nationalist fleet. A report was circulated to-day that a French merchant steamer, loaded with foodstuffs, had been sunk on the Republic's coast by Nationalist warships. But official circles could not confirm the report.

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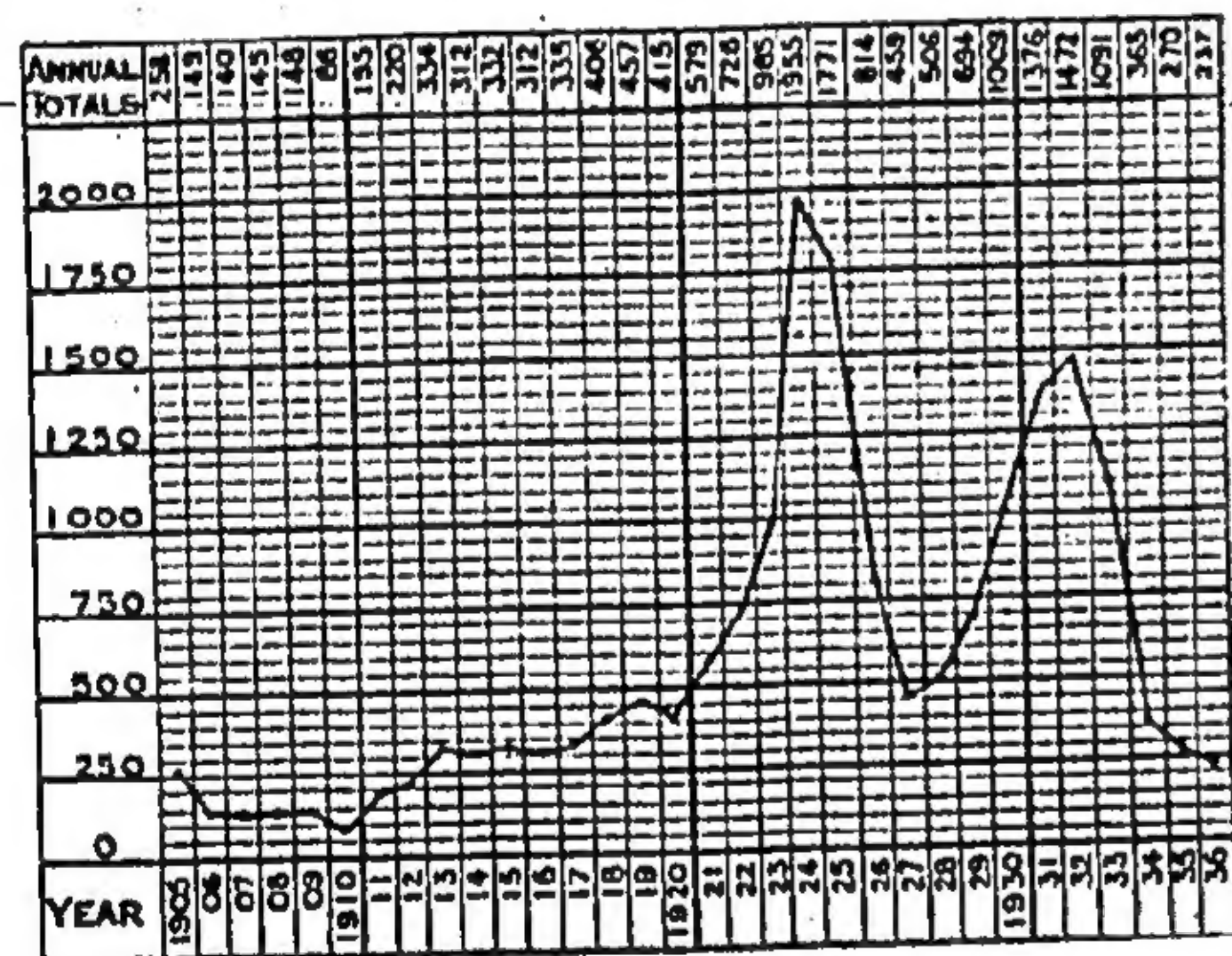


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Air Raids

THIS newspaper respectfully but firmly disagrees with a morning contemporary which attacks as ridiculous the Government's plans for mass evacuation of the population to the New Territories in the event of an emergency. The efficacy of evacuation has been proven beyond all doubt in Spain and in China.

An enemy is not going to waste expensive bombs on refugee camps when there are more fruitful objectives, and the parts of Hongkong that will suffer will be the overcrowded tenement areas on the island and mainland.

Since, as Wing Commander Steele-Perkins admits, there is no method of protecting these tenements from bombers, the obvious course is to empty them.

Our contemporary attacks the plan on the grounds that it cannot be carried into effect unless a fleet of liners is to be employed to convey the island population across the harbour, unless ample food kitchens are to be available at short notice, and unless an army of robots is to be trained to carry on the work of the Colony. We are in a position to reveal that a fleet—not of liners but of launches and other smaller ships—is available to carry civilians across the harbour at a moment's notice, and that plans have been prepared for over twelve months for setting up camps and food kitchens to care for refugees. Finally, the Government plans do not envisage a complete evacuation of population, but an evacuation of that part of the population not engaged in essential services.

We believe that, in following the examples of Spain and China in arranging for evacuation in times of emergency, the Government is acting wisely. But at the same time we intend to go on demanding deep shelters and tunnels as the only adequate method of protection for that part of the population which will have to remain in the built-up areas. We know that they are expensive—so is everything connected with defence—but, cheap as human life is sometimes regarded in this part of the world, it is not so cheap that everything possible should not be done to protect it.

We would suggest that some of the refugees who are costing the Government thousands of dollars a day for maintenance could be employed in helping to make the Colony a safe place to live in in war-time. It has been said that there is no point in setting an unemployed man to dig a hole in the ground. Well, now there is a point, and an urgent one.

The Harvest

THE BRITISH guarantees for a loan of £10,000,000 by Hongkong and Chinese banks for the purpose of stabilising China's currency, coming so soon on top of the recent Anglo-American credits, indicates that the democracies are no longer prepared to take the Japanese policy of economic exclusion lying down.

There is every indication, indeed, that the position in China is rapidly approaching a point that bodes ill for Japan's future ascendancy. In addition to the already-announced aid from Britain and the United States, it seems possible that France will create large credits as a reply to Japan's action in invading Hainan Island, and there are also possibilities that Britain and America have by no means made their final gesture. Japan, in short, is beginning to reap the harvest of a rough-shod policy that has antagonised the nations that count.

MINORCA of the EAST

by
HARRY GREGSON

EMERGING FROM the mists like a giant tortoise with its head buried in the waves, avoided by large ships on account of its reputation for fog and sudden squalls, lies the little known island of Hainan, the occupation of which by the Japanese is a vital threat to British, French and American interests in the Far East.

Yet, although the interior of this mountainous and jungle-covered island, about the size of Belgium, is largely unexplored, it has claims to fame apart from its strategic situation.

IT HAS been referred to as "The Siberia of China," for to Hainan were banished exiles from the Chinese Empire. Among them was one of the earliest experimenters in Socialism Su Tung-Po, now the legendary hero of the inhabitants. Su Tung-Po lived during the reign of Emperor Shen-Tsung. His banishment followed differences with the Prime Minister. In three years, from 1098-1100, this early Socialist pioneer taught the people letters and court dialect and shrines to his memory are found at frequent points in the coastal districts.

In the matter of trial marriages, Hainan preceded the United States by centuries. When a youth casts his eyes on a girl whom he thinks might make a suitable wife, the parents build a bachelor house for their daughter. If the couple get on well together, they are married. If not, they part. It is claimed that marriages in Hainan are very successful.

HAINAN WAS known to Alexander Selkirk, hero of Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe," who called at Yu-Ling Kang, one of the main harbours, on his way home after his years of exile on San Juan Fernandez.

Hainan is also known to the British Navy, which has had many a hard fought encounter with pirates, who preyed on shipping from the rocky lairs of the dangerous coasts.

The existence of the island is first acknowledged in history by the Chinese in the years 245-210 B.C.

About 100 years afterwards, Lu-Po-Teh, the Chinese general, brought a huge force over in junks to subjugate the islanders. He found people totally different from the Chinese. Their eyes were not oblique, their skins were copper-coloured. They had high cheek bones, were almost beardless, and had long black straight hair.

Lu-Po-Teh's men used their swords against the bows and arrows of the aborigines, led by their top eared chief. When the island was conquered, the Chinese divided it into two main provinces—Tan-Urh (or Drooping Ear) in the south, and Chu Yai (or Pearl Shore) in the north.

TO-DAY three distinct races are found in Hainan. They are the Chinese immigrants, civilised aborigines, or Shu-Li, and the wild aborigines in the remote unexplored interior, known as Sheng-Li, totalling in all 2½ millions souls in a land about the size of Belgium.

Kublai Khan reconquered Hainan later, the inhabitants of which have always resisted, especially in the south, Chinese soldiery.

In 1630, a courageous Jesuit priest, Benoît de Mathos, went to the island. He found the natives with curious customs, many of which continue to-day.

"Dry" mourning is the fashion in Hainan. It is "not done" to cry at a funeral. Sorrow is displayed by swallowing huge quantities of raw meat, the coffin is a hollow tree trunk, and, after the body has been put in, the mourning procession is preceded by a native who strows eggs in its path. When an egg does not break, that is the burial spot.

Father de Mathos also found

blood feuds, which exist also plentifully to-day among the aborigines. Blood feuds descend from father to son. Revenge is a sacred duty.

There are numerous Christian graves on Hainan.

IN 1875 the island was ceded to Portugal, but the Portuguese returned it to China. An island, so frequently visited by earthquakes and with such a dangerous coast, was of little use to them.

Rice, cotton, sugar and indigo are cultivated along the coastal regions and in the north. The island is also noted for a very earthy-flavoured tea, which the inhabitants call "Celestial" tea, and its popular cattle, among them albino buffaloes.

It will be something new for the inhabitants to handle bags of cement for the Japanese. The invaders are reported to have conscripted all civilians and to have begun building large aerodromes.

A PERMANENT Japanese occupation of Hainan would constitute a permanent threat to Hongkong, French Indo-China and trade routes to Australia and the Far East.

Indeed, because of its strategic situation, it has been termed the "Minorca of the Far East," and like Minorca's Port Mahon, Hainan has an excellent naval harbour, Yu-Ling Kang, which was used by the Russian Imperial Fleet on its way to fight the Japanese fleet.

All the principal centres of French Indo-China are dominated completely from Hainan. It is only 260 miles from Hanoi, 480 from Saigon and 500 from the new French naval base of Camran Bay.

JAPANESE AIR bases on Hainan would bring Hongkong, Manila and Singapore within reach of bombers, while, as a submarine base, Hainan could scarcely be excelled for our Far Eastern trade routes.

So important is the island to the security of French Indo-China that China agreed with France in 1897 never to cede the island to a third Power. And Britain has repeatedly last year warned Japan that occupation of Hainan by Japanese forces could give rise to undesirable complications.

Hainan is the latest pawn in the Japanese effort to obtain non-intervention in China by the Western Powers. With a "Japanese" Hainan, Japan can

As They See It Abroad



"WHO GOES THERE?"

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TILLIE TAKES A LETTER

by
N. B. W.

THIS RAW AND misty morning Tillie, as she skims the broad and whitened steps of the V.B., has something of the aspect of a slightly enraged kitten, her rounded little chin sunk into the cosy depths of her fur, dark blue eyes smouldering. Tillie's maternal desire to scratch and bite has been fired by the appearance upon an already overburdened wall of another couple of glaring but plaintively worded entreaties from the management, the silkiness of which does not by any manner of means deceive:

"Will residents please . . ."

"Members are again reminded that . . ."

POSSIBLY Tillie's conscience pricks as regards the use of current (toast can be made by various clandestine methods). Anyhow, her equilibrium has been entirely unbalanced by a scrambled breakfast, itself necessitated by the customary nerve-exhaust-

more easily exert pressure on France to cease munitions traffic Tonkin-Yunnan railway between French Indo-China and China.

JAPAN HAS given an assurance, the sincerity of which is negated by outspoken statements by her military leaders, that the occupation of Hainan is not permanent.

But the fate of this Minorca the Far East seems likely to depend, like Minorca nearer Britain, on what effective action Britain and France, with possibly the United States, can take to remove a dire threat to their interests.

ing manoeuvring for a chance at a bathroom.

But she trips off, dangerously inalter to the needs of passing traffic, down the hill and office-wards.

Up in the lift she goes, with a pleasant "Good Morning" to the skinny little operator; even her temporarily feline mood sweetens before the wide and impish grin of the sloppily-uniformed little mannikin.

"Hullo, lassies and lads! Anybody here?"

"No, Til, Jimmie's not here and Ponto won't be—gone to Macao—ponies, I bet—can't be refugees."

"Oke!" and she disappears into the attenuated dressingroom, flings off her outside gear, dabs a pert and upturned nose; and so to work.

Off with a clatter comes the cover of the Underwood, yesterday's dust is perfunctorily blown off.

She gazes disconsolately at the filing basket.

"Just as soon as I get these things arrend out all over the place, somebody will want something you'll see."

"Well, they've got to be done, let's do them together."

The two girls proceed amicably to sort their letters into order— inconsequentially chatting—and this manoeuvre required a considerable average of elbowroom.

"Bzz-Bzz!"

"There! I told you so, Doris, is it for you or for me? ME!"

"All right, Til, I'll get on with it and spare interferences away."

"Tillie—line!"

"Hullo! Eddvatore speaking. No, sorry can't be done. Sorry. Love to the Missus. What? Right—o."

"Where did we get to? Better read it, please."

Tillie does so, disentangling and diplomatically omitting the various interjections. She has been endeavouring to recall the pedantic admonitions of the "Missus" exactly—always nearer interested in the subject at hand" (is she expected to take an interest in these semi-confidential, family affairs?) "Don't stare vacantly out of a window when a hiatus occurs in the dictation!" What is a girl to do? "Confound it, I don't know. . . ."

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Don't you find it awfully monotonous doing nothing in school all day?"

(Continued on Page 7)

ANNUAL RACE MEETING IN RETROSPECT

HUGE SUCCESS FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW

(By "Captain Foster")

A full review of the Annual Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, which was brought to an end last Saturday at Happy Valley, is not feasible owing to exigency of space, but I hope that a short survey of the five days of racing will not be out of place.

The meeting was a great success from every point of view and a vote of thanks must be tendered to the Stewards, Officials and the staff in general for the very efficient manner in which every department was run. This was much appreciated by the men of the turf and the paying out to punters was all in good time.

The weighing "out and in" of the ponies by the four Stewards (as against three last Spring) in charge of the Scale, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, K.C., Mr. D. C. Edmondson, Mr. F. C. Hall and Mr. P. M. Hodgson must be complimented, especially in the Wong-Nel-Chong Stakes (second section) when 28 jockeys had to test the scale. All the China ponies subscription griffins weighing out of every race was carried out at a rattling pace, giving punters ample time to make their selections.

Although the weather did not give us glorious sunshine for the five days of racing, the going was on the fast side. As a result there were four new track records, all by ponies ridden by Mr. C. Encarnacao. In the present list of fastest times on record for various distances, the name of this jockey appears five times.

C. Encarnacao Led The List Of Jockeys

Mr. Encarnacao was in great form specially on the last day of the Carnival, piloting four winners and they were no "arm chair" rides. The best was seen in the Phoenix Handicap when in the last 150 yards from the touch line he brought Rose Jane on the outside with a terrific burst of speed, beating Tampa Bay with Mr. Black in the saddle by a close shave.

No fewer than 50 jockeys took part at the Annual Carnival, but there were only 24 riders who returned to the scale. Mr. Encarnacao was led 22 times to the dismounting enclosure outside the weighing room, the position of his placings being 13 wins, five seconds and four thirds. Had anybody followed him right through the meet with a five dollar bill in every outing, one must produce a satisfactory balance sheet. Messrs. V. V. Needa, T. L. Wong and J. Pote-Hunt each had six wins.

It may interest one to know that Mr. A. D. Coppin broke his "duck" on Sylvandale in the Jockey Cup, and Mr. P. L. Chiu cut the ice by registering his first official win on Starlet at Happy Valley and the pony paid the biggest dividend of \$3,711.60 for a win in the annals of Hongkong racing. Three jockeys were unseated, and Mr. A. W. Raymond, who

EXCELLENT RACING BY AUSSIES

The Australian events always provided excellent racing and one of the best thrills was seen in the Rooty-Hill Derby when a rank outsider in Triumph Day, ridden by Mr. B. L. Tuo, flashed past the post to win by three lengths. This brown gelding, belonging to Chau Bros. paid \$410.39 to the delight of 53 staunch supporters. The pony was sired by Ribblesdale. Triumph Day took 2.40 to journey the circuit as against the record time of 2.43 set up by Gypsy Love. Mrs. Eu Tong-sen's Chiltern let the public down very badly and so did Cockleford from the John Peel's stable.

Once again Lucky Lad by Tom McCarthy became the Spring champion with Mr. Needa in the saddle, but the pony did not capture the big race by the length of a street and the verdict was by a neck beating Snowy River at the post. It was a grand finish and that astute jockey, Mr. Peter Wei, rode a smart race on the loser, Snowy River, by Bobbiak, who staged a wonderful comeback, beating Mrs. J. H. Taggart's Lancashire Chips by one and a half lengths.

broke his collar-bone, will not be seen in action for a long time.

JOCKEYS' RECORDS

The following is a complete record of jockeys placed at the Annual Meeting:

	1st	2nd	3rd
C. Encarnacao	13	5	4
V. V. Needa	6	9	7
T. L. Wong	6	4	2
J. Pote-Hunt	6	3	5
F. Marshall	4	5	3
B. L. Tuo	3	3	4
B. A. Proulx	3	1	2
H. C. Pih	2	6	4
P. Y. T. Wei	2	3	4
S. C. Liang	2	1	2
L. B. Chao	1	1	2
H. P. Chan	1	1	1
W. G. Poy	1	1	1
W. H. S. Davis	1	1	1
C. L. Gregory	1	1	1
A. D. Coppin	1	1	1
P. L. Chiu	1	1	1
H. J. A. Heame	1	1	1
Ho Hong-ping	1	1	1
Y. Woo	1	1	1
S. W. Pan	1	1	1
G. Treverton	1	1	1
F. F. Li	1	1	1
	53	50	54

There was a dead heat for first place and only two ponies started in three events.

Perak Champion In Local Tennis Tourney

LIM THIAT-TET MAY GO FAR: DEFEATS A. V. GOSANO EASILY

(By "Abe")

Conditions were against really good tennis at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday. A slight drizzle which fell just before the matches were timed to start, bad light and an intermittent breeze all conspired to prevent high-standard play, and consequently the matches were as dull as the weather, which was pretty bad.

The programme was marked by one mishap. E. E. Story, shortly after the start of his singles match against Wong Shiu-wing, wrenched his knee and retired. This occurred in the second point of the match. Wong, commencing service, won the first point, and in the second he lobbed the ball and Story, in trying to smash, put his knee out.

Lim Thiat-tet, whom I mentioned in Tuesday's issue in connection with his doubles match, created a favourable impression yesterday when he was seen in the singles for the first time. Meeting A. V. Gosano,

he went a long way in the tournament. He demonstrated yesterday that he is going to be the "dark horse" of the competition.

E. C. Fincher was not at his best though he accounted for Kwok Hing-chung with the loss of only two games. He was making far too many mistakes, but the issue was never in doubt.

National And Lincolnshire Calls-Over

The following is the latest call-over for the Grand National:

11/2 Klister (c), 6/1 (t)	10/6 Temewill (t, and o)
10/6 Workman (c), 13/4 (t)	10/7 Royal Danell (c)
10/1 Rockquill (c, and o)	10/1 Brandy Cottage (c)
20/1 Royal Mail (c)	20/1 Underbid (c), 25/1 (t)
22/1 Colleen (c), 25/1 (t)	22/1 Macmoffat (c)
22/1 Dominick's Cross (c)	22/1 Inverdale (c)
33/1 St. George (t, and o)	33/1 Blue Bird (c)
50/1 Black Hawk (c)	

Brendan's Cottage has entered the betting following its victory to-day in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, carrying 12st. over one and a quarter miles course to beat Morse Code, an odds-on favourite, by five lengths at level weight. —Reuter.

LINCOLNSHIRE

The following is the latest call-over for the Lincolnshire:

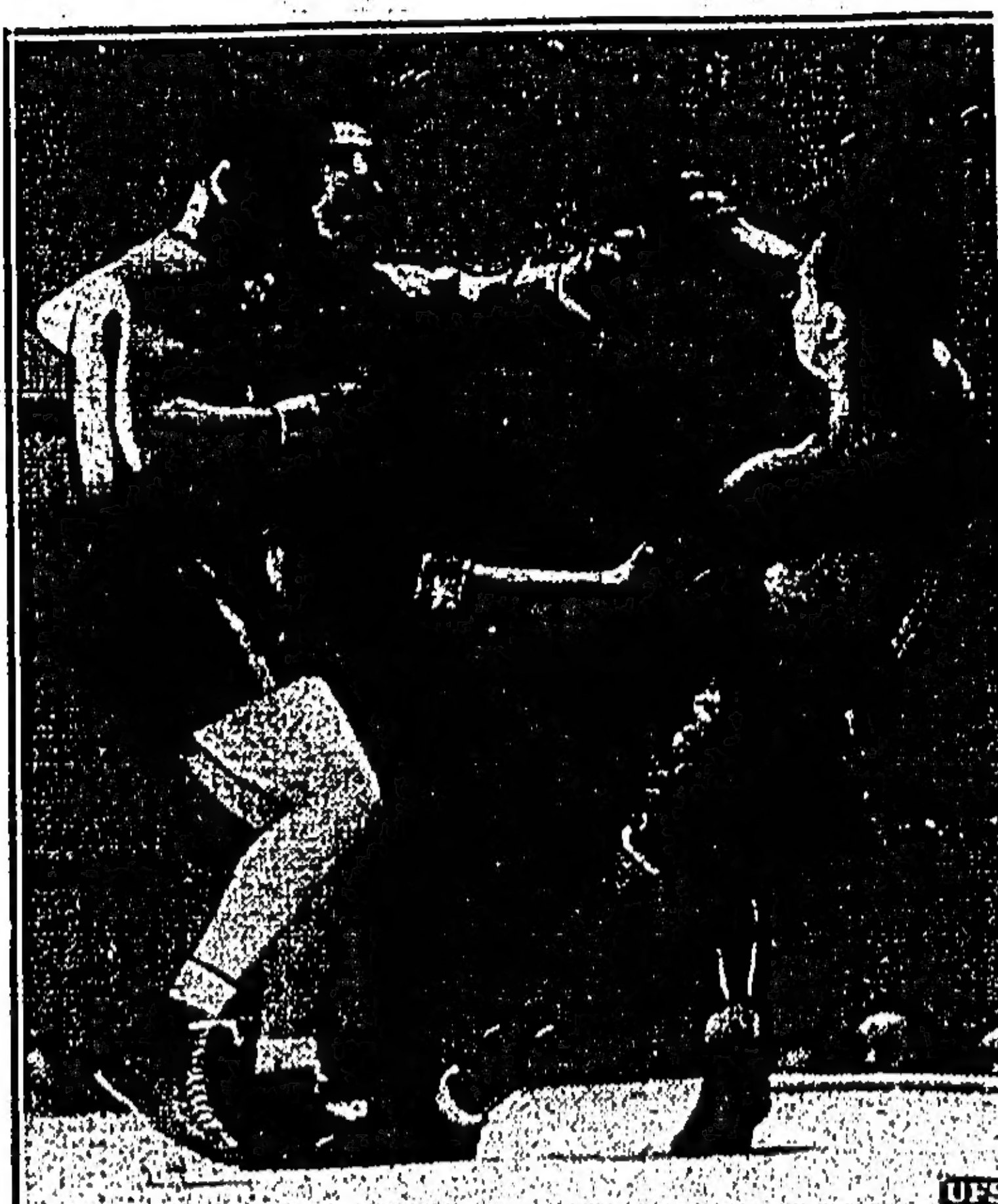
10/2 Donah (t, and o)	10/2 Galsion (c), 10/1 (t)
10/6 Davy Delite (c)	10/6 Burgundian (c)
10/6 St. Andrew's (c)	22/1 Temeraire (c)
22/1 Hazyon (c)	25/1 Dundee (c)

—Reuter.

Huddersfield Win F. A. Replay

In the F. A. Cup replay to-day, Huddersfield, playing away, defeated Blackburn R. by two goals to one.

Rotherham, also playing away, beat Hull by 2-0 in the northern section of the Third Division League. —Reuter.



LOUIS BEATS LEWIS—Fans who saw the heavyweight boxing bout in New York between Champion Joe Louis of Detroit and Challenger John Henry Lewis of Arizona, remarked that Joe went about it like a man with a job to do, or perhaps like an orderly machine. The fight lasted 2 minutes 39 seconds. Above, John Henry has just met Joe's right to the jaw and goes down.

M.C.C. FACE HUGE SCORE IN FIFTH TEST AT DURBAN

The M.C.C. tourists are now facing a total of 695 in the fourth innings in the Fifth Cricket Test match against South Africa at Durban.

Continuing their innings yesterday, the South Africans consolidated their position by taking the overnight total of 193 for three wickets to 481 before the last wicket fell, thus leaving the Englishmen with 696 to get in order to win.

Durban, Mar. 9. South Africa added 99 runs in 105 minutes this morning, bringing their total to 292 for 4 at lunch time in the sixth day of the Final Test Cricket match against the M.C.C.

A small crowd of 400 when the match was resumed this morning testified to the fact that interest in

the drawn-out game was diminishing. Overnight rain helped to bind the wicket, which showed no signs of crumbling.

The partnership between Nourse and Viljoen, which yielded 51 runs, ended when Nourse asked a rising ball from Farnes which was taken by Hutton at short-leg. His score was 25 and the total 242 for 4.

Melville, who was limping as a result of a strained leg, now joined Viljoen and carried the score to 292 at lunch time. Viljoen, who had 45 to his credit, played an aggressive game, scoring 10 runs in an over from Wright. Melville's contribution was 30 at the interval.

Afternoon's Play. Dreaury batting ensued after lunch when 300 was registered after 350 minutes.

With the total at 346 Viljoen chopped a ball from Perks into the wicket. He had scored 74 which included seven fours in a game marked by solid driving.

Dalton joined Melville and carried the score to 387 when the former was caught by Wright off his own bowling after scoring 21. It was a low left hand catch. Dalton played a fast and lively game, hitting a six and three to the ropes.

Melville had scored 68 and Grieverson, who had 10, when the tea interval arrived, 387 for 6.

MELVILLE BOWLED. At the resumption, Gibb kept wickets for the M.C.C., Ames, the regular wicket-keeper, fielding in the outfield.

Melville took 17 runs off Wright's first over and sent up the 400, reached in 48 minutes.

The South African captain was finally bowled by Farnes with his score at 103 and the total 434 for seven wickets. This was Melville's first Test century, which took him 200 minutes to make. He hit ten fours, having made only six, 450 for 8.

Newson made three and was then bowled by Wright, the score being then 402 for nine.

Grieverson, after scoring 30, was bowled by Farnes. The South African innings thus ended at 481.

The M.C.C., needing 696 runs to win in the fourth innings, started with Hutton and Gibb. Without any run being scored, stumps were drawn owing to bad light.

Scores: South Africa—1st Inns. 530 M.C.C.—1st Inns. 310

SOUTH AFRICA—2ND INNS. P. G. Van Der Byl, c Paynter, b Wright 97 B. Mitchell, hit wkt, b Verity 89 E. A. Rowan, c Edrich, b Verity 0 A. D. Nourse, c Hutton, b Farnes 25 (Continued on Page 9.)

U.S. Marines To Come Here Next Season

The Fourth United States Marines Rugby XV considered one of the finest sides ever turned out by the "leathernecks" in Shanghai, will not proceed to Hongkong this season, states the M. C. D. News. Word was received from the Colony that the effect and it transpires that the British Army side in Hongkong was more than willing to meet the U.S. Marines in a friendly local side, but as the season in the south has almost finished, it was felt that even had the Marines taken the next steamship to the Colony, the time of the year would hardly be appropriate for the playing of such matches with the temperature hovering in the neighbourhood of 85 degrees.

It is learned, however, that a tentative invitation has been extended to the local fifteen to visit Hongkong early next season to meet the various British Service sides in a series of games. There is little doubt, in this connection, provided the Marines are up to their present standard, that the invitation will be accepted.

It is known that the "leathernecks" were most anxious to make the trip and the decision that has been reached will come as a distinct disappointment to them. Their rugged season did not begin until Christmas had almost been reached and with the inclement weather in Shanghai during the past month, their actual playing time has been confined to rather less than two months.

Rose Elect Undoubtedly Best Of The Griffins

As was predicted by the writer, Rose Elect owned by Mr. Eu Tong-sen annexed the Maiden Stakes (Six Furlongs) and the Hongkong Derby (1½ Miles) in record times of 1.23.4/5 and 2.55.2/5 respectively.

A feature of her successful outings was the easy manner in which she beat the opposition, but I was certainly taken by surprise when Mr. Eu's candidate paid \$11.10 for a win in the Blue Riband. There was one race which we all looked forward to seeing between this mare and Silkylight. But it was not to take place. As the latter is now in the happy hunting grounds, we will have to exercise patience until next Spring when some big "shot" may find another so-called China pony to test the winner of the year's classic.

The running of Hynford Bridge in the Trial Plate was a real blow to her supporters, but the owner, Mrs. T. E. Pearce, managed to collect a total of \$2,000 for the mare's minor successes. A note should be kept of Lilliber's performance in the Griffins Spring Handicap when she won the event in good time of 1.58.8 for a mile carrying 160 lbs. Lilliber finished the Spring session with a credit balance of \$1,800 and she should win a couple of races before the recess.

MARKSMAN'S SUCCESS. Without the mainstay of the meeting the Annual Carnival would be a fiasco and this season's consignment of China Ponies subscription griffins not only enjoyed, but set the table in a zoom among those fortunate mathematics who spotted the right uns. As anticipated, Musketeer, the

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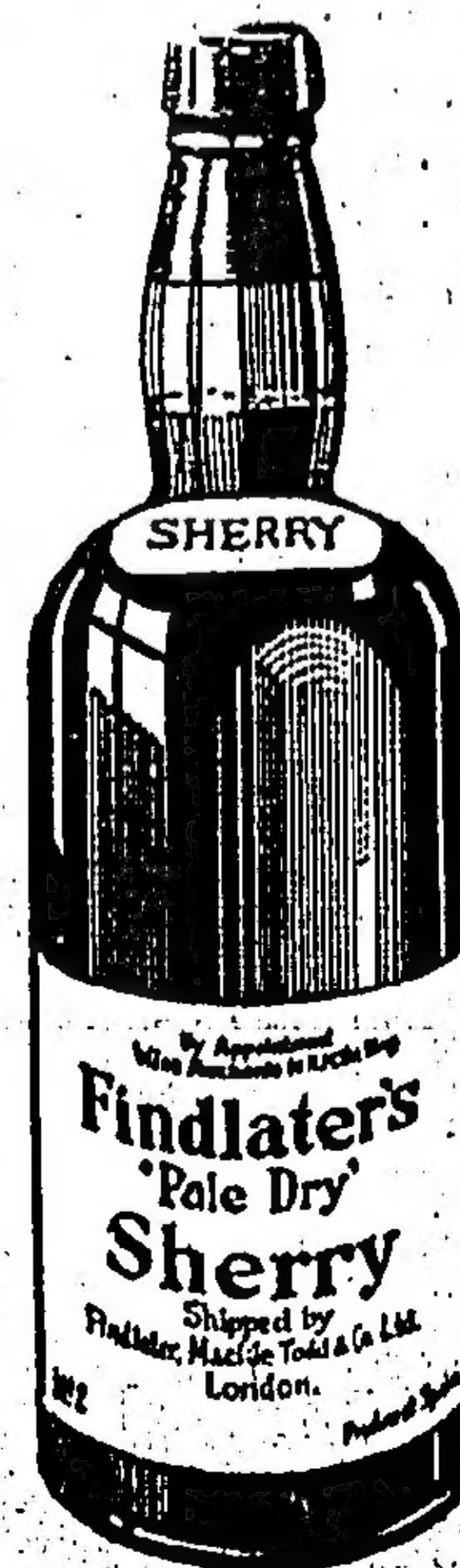
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NANCY



Good Entries Received For Fanling Meet

Governor's Cup The Main Race Of Day

(By "Captain Foster")

The penultimate meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, to be held at Kwanti on Sunday, has drawn very satisfactory entries. The major contest is the Governor's Cup, which is a hurdle race for China ponies, bona-fide hunters, and the winner of this main bout will receive a cup presented by His Excellency the Governor, who together with Lady Northcote will attend the meeting.

For the convenience of the racing public the fact that starters must be 'de-public' there will be a special stand on the forms provided in the public at 1.08 p.m., to Fanling and return weighing room before 2.15 o'clock at 6.30 p.m., to Kowloon. The full for the first race and for all sub-way first class return fare is \$2 in-sequent races 45 minutes before the closing admission to the Racecourse, scheduled starting time. Admission to the Public Enclosure. There are six interesting races on the program and the first is \$1 including tax and Service Men's programme and the first is in uniform are charged at half price, advertised to run off at 2.45 p.m., Attention of owners is drawn to sharp.

"Capt. Foster" Reviews Prospects Of Each Race

THE opening event will be the Lo Wu Handicap, which is a sport-steepchase for China ponies over a jaunt of 1 1/4 miles. Ebony Idol, the winner of this year's Grand National, has been set with the highest import of 169 lbs. while Diogenes and Zero have been treated with liberal allowances. There is no denying that Ebony Idol is the best chaser, but with due respect to his capability I fancy Zero will turn the tables as the distance of the jump is shorter by half a mile than when they clashed in the Fanling Grand National. Diogenes is also to be considered, for in the Talpo Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, run on Boxing Day, this blackie belonging to Mr. M. H. Turner gave Lt. Col. Dowbiggin's candidate a good wallop. However, a good race is assured.

THE ban on winners of a steepchase since January 1, has precluded the entry of Brutus (the winner of Australian Grand National) and Stratherrick for the Melbourne Cup, which is a handicap steepchase for Australian ponies over a course of 1 1/4 miles. On the strength of her running behind Brutus in the Australian Grand National, Teviotdale is almost at the head of the assessment, but the weight adjuster has made Glorious Star a two pound better jumper. The latter has only appeared once this season and her performance in the New South Wales Handicap seems to suggest that the mare has

SELECTIONS BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

LO WU HANDICAP

Zero
Ebony Idol
Diogenes

MELBOURNE CUP

Teviotdale
Spark Plug
Glorious Star

GOVERNOR'S CUP

March Brown
Mortmain
Clewmer

NEWCOMERS' PLATE

Avalon
Alpha
Pall Mall

OLDTIMERS' HANDICAP

Royal Highness
Plain View
Gold Sovereign

A good few unplaced China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, have been nominated for the Newcomers' Plate and it is a sprint over half mile. There are 13 entries, none of them having been placed at the Annual Race Meeting and spotting the winner is not an easy job. However Alpha, Avalon and Pall Mall are about the best among this lot. Tiger Eyes is recommended for big money.

THE Oldtimers' Handicap, which is a flat race over a mile for China ponies classified as "D" class, has attracted ten Happy Valley runners. I have been trying my level best to "get a line" on all the ponies entered for this event, but I much regret that I had to give up the search as a hopeless task, and I therefore strongly recommend punters to follow the ranking list of the handicapper. Royal Highness holds the post of honour with 158 lbs., and the mare is followed by Plain View who has to carry only 155 lbs. In my estimation Gold Sovereign is nicely weighted with an allowance of 10 lbs. under the scale weight of 14.1 pony, but Good Morning looks tempting at 145 lbs. and furthermore he ran a good second in his last outing at Kwanti. Tribute must weigh out with blinkers and in the circumstances one never knows when he will be in earnest of making up his mind to run. \$5 each way is not a bad gamble.

THE last contest on the card will be a scurry (unofficial) over four furlongs for China ponies that have started at this meeting and not won. "D" class raters are barred. Readers must therefore use their own discretion owing to post entries. My selections for the first five events are as follows:



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Czechs Win Table Tennis Championships

Cairo, Mar. 9. Czechoslovakia won the 57th-ling Cup for men's table tennis at the World's Table Tennis Championships held here, being undefeated. Yugoslavia was second with one defeat and England third with two defeats. Eleven countries competed, these being England, France, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece, India, Palestine, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Egypt and Luxembourg. Hungary, winner of the 1938 championships, did not defend her title.—Trans-Ocean.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

The following is the Softball League schedule for the coming week-end:
Men's League—Second play-off, Midlets v. Reccelo (Rec.), 11 a.m.; Women's League—Canadian Chinese v. Filipinos (Fil.), 10 a.m.; Panthers v. Wildcats (Fil.), 11.30 a.m.; Inter-Hong League—Green Sports v. Union Insurance (La Salle), 11.15 a.m.; Chartered Bank v. R.A.F. (R.A.F.), 2.30 p.m.; American Express v. Texaco (Fil.), 1.30 p.m.; Shell v. Soony (C.B.A.), 2.30 p.m.; Dutch Bank v. Kai Tak (Kai Tak), 2.30 p.m.; Ewo v. National City Bank (Kai Tak), 4 p.m.

RECREIO 1ST ELEVEN

The following have been chosen to represent the Club de Recreio 1st XI in a league cricket match against the Navy at home to-morrow:
A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), N. Beltrao, E. L. Gosano, J. M. Gosano, L. G. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio, A. P. Pereira, A. M. Prata, W. A. Reed, P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., E. M. L. Soares.

ATTACHE CASE LOST

Lt.-Col. J. N. N. Synnott, R.N., of H.M.S. Birmingham, has reported that he lost an attache case containing books and papers while travelling between Hart Avenue and the Kowloon Ferry Wharf on Wednesday.

OUR SPILLING BEE (see page 7) punter—stunner—pontifical—punter—stunner—punter.

M.C.C. Face Huge Score In Test

(Continued from Page 8.)

K. G. Viljoen, b. Perks	74
A. Melville, b. Barnes	103
E. L. Dalton, c. and b. Wright	21
R. E. Grieverson, b. Barnes	39
A. B. C. Langton, c. Hammond, b. Barnes	6
S. Newson, b. Wright	3
N. Gordon not out	17
Extras	17

Total 481
Fall of wickets—1 (Mitchell) for 101; 2 (Rowan) for 191; 3 (Van Der Byl) for 191; 4 (Nourse) for 242; 5 (Viljoen) for 346; 6 (Dalton) for 382; 7 (Melville) for 434; 8 (Langton) for 450; 9 (Newson) for 462.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	22.1	2	74	4
Perks	32	6	99	3
Wright	32	7	140	3
Verity	40	9	87	2
Edrich	6	1	18	0
Hammond	9	1	30	0
Hutton	1	0	10	0

M.C.C.—2ND INNS.
Hutton, not out 0
P. A. Gibb, not out 0
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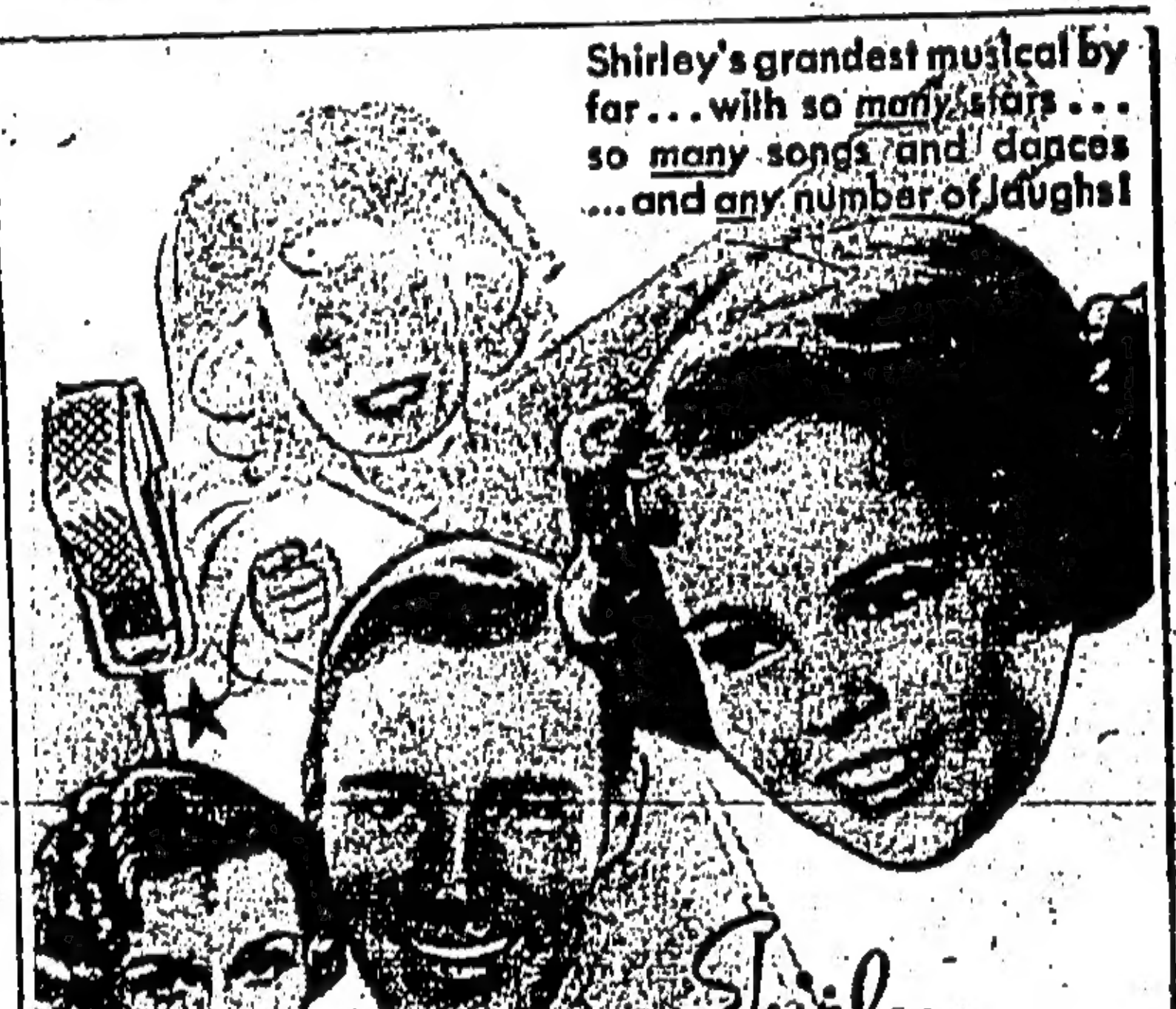
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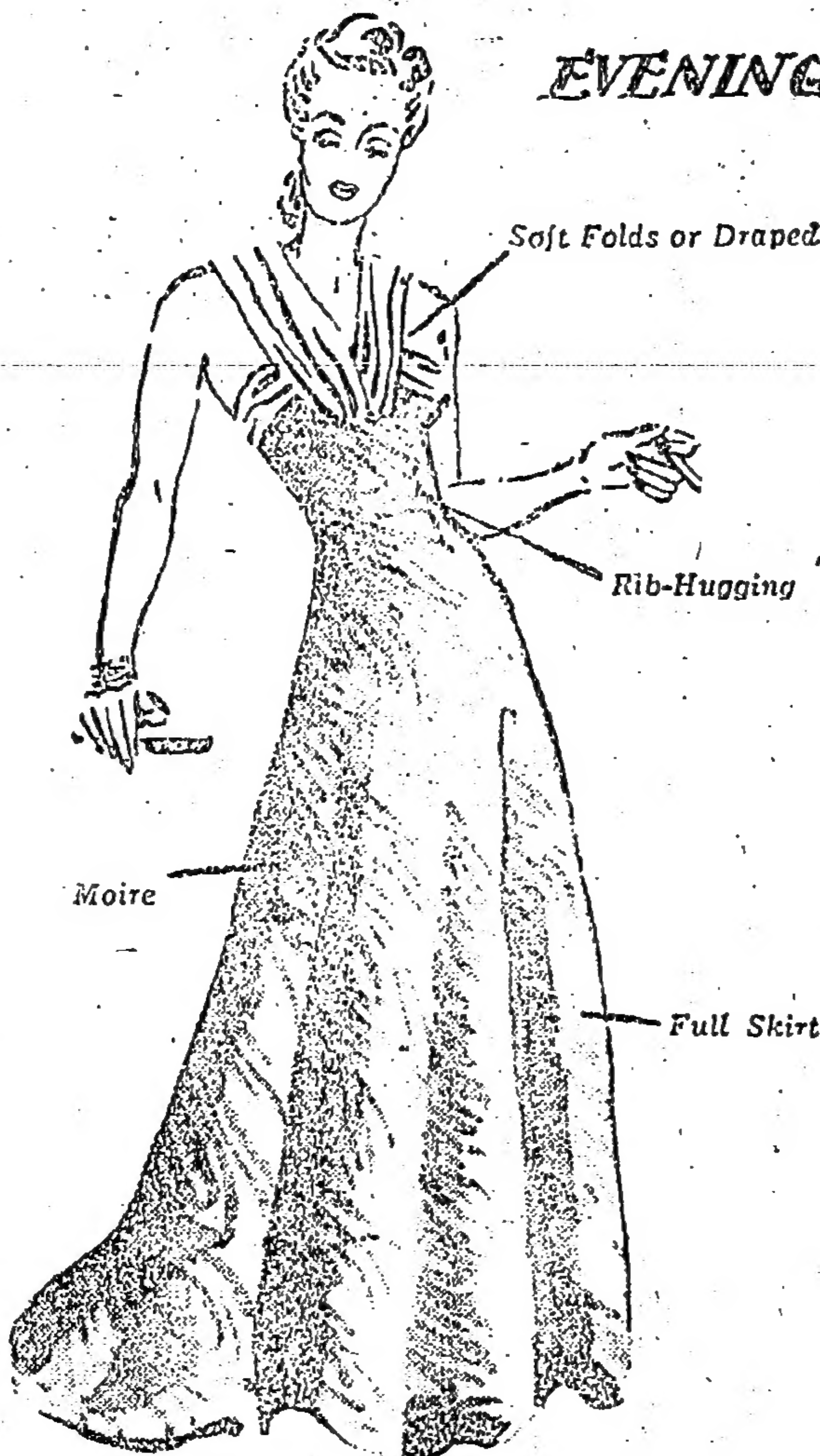
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Here are some points to watch:— See that your pillow-cases fit well. Pillows nearly always feel limp and uncomfortable in a too-loose case, and hard in a tight one. Measure the pillows before buying their new cases.

When a pillow begins to wear thin, choose the feathers down a bit and stretch the ticking across one end to make the pillow smaller. Then trim away the superfluous ticking, and neaten the seam.

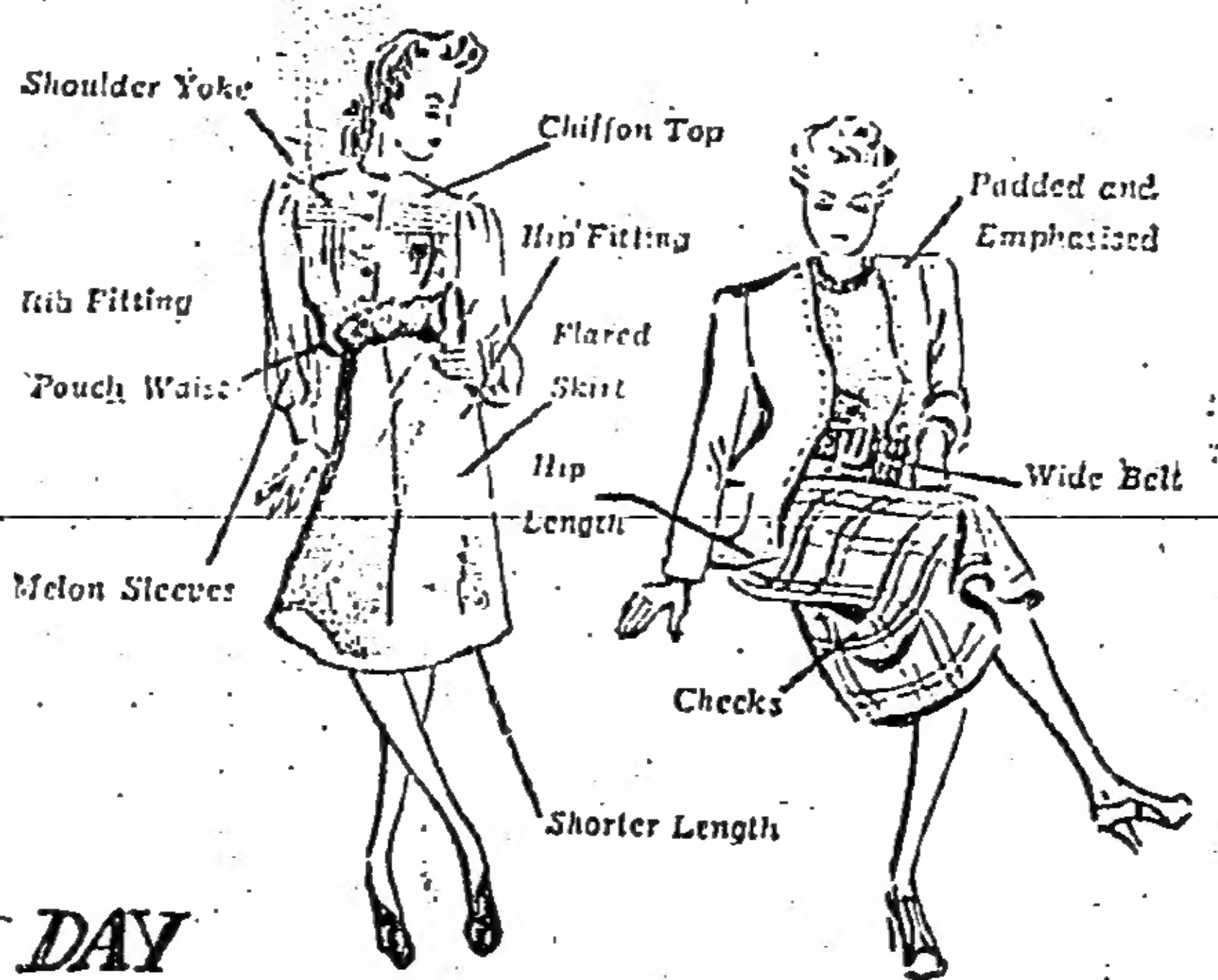
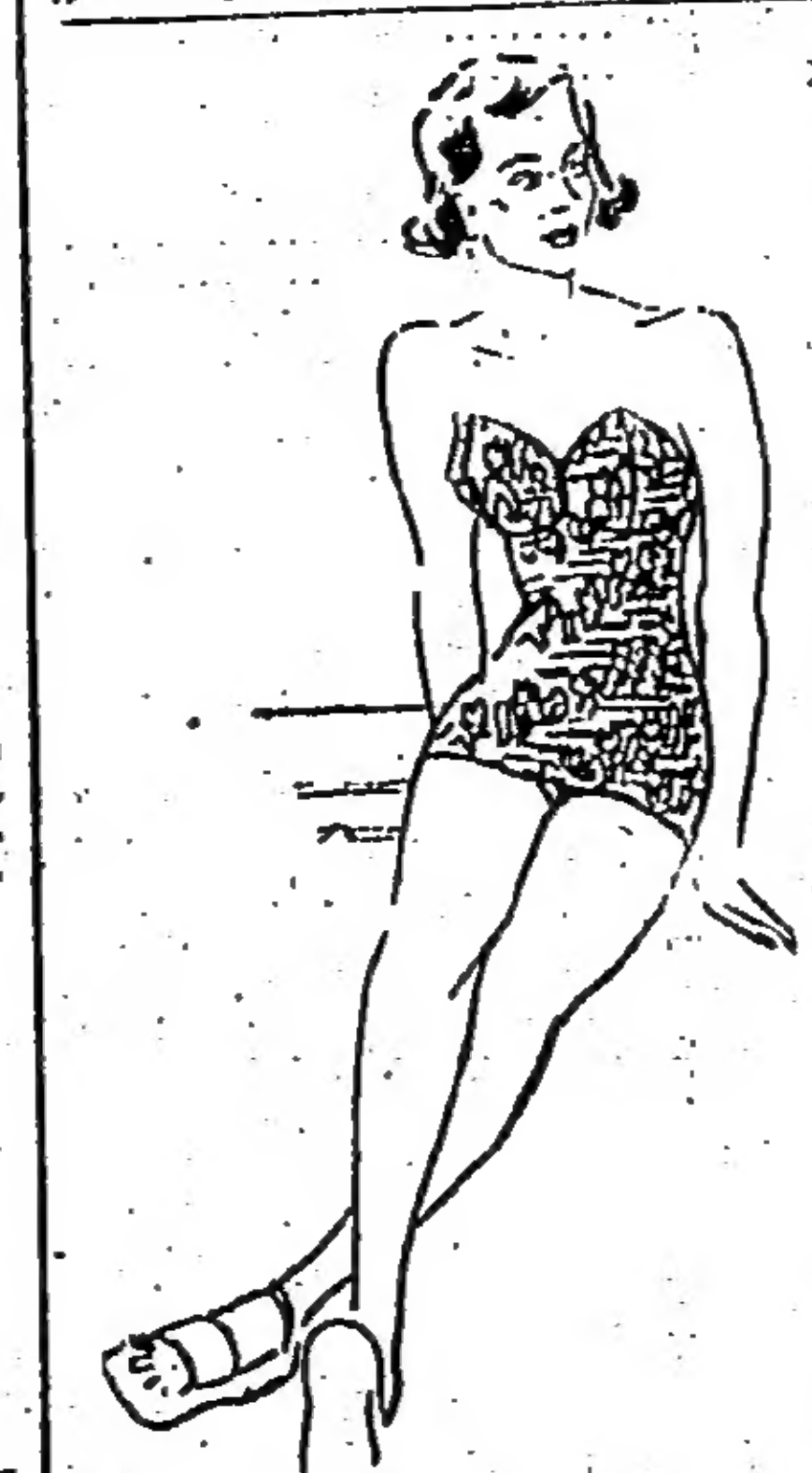
If feathers begin to ooze through the ticking it is time you made another cover. You can put a new ticking over the old. This will give your pillow a new lease of life.

The ideal "beauty" pillow is firm and just shoulder thick. A soft pillow, into which the head sinks deeply, is a trap for double chin.

When you want to arrange the pillows comfortably at an invalid's back always pile them flat on top of each other, so that she rests against the edges. Pillows arranged askant curl round at the ends, and constantly need adjusting.

Most people who have to sit up in bed for any length of time know what a comfort a pillow under the knees can be. The best way to arrange it is to roll the pillow in a sheet and tuck the sheet ends firmly under the mattress, to prevent it slipping.

A foot pillow inserted in the same way will prevent the invalid from gradually slipping down in the bed.



DAY

The Revival Of Smocking

WITH the present revival of period fashions, the old-time smocking, beloved by our grandmothers, has come back into favour. It is seen this season on many frocks, blouses, coats, children's garments, and it is also used in the furnishing world as a means of decoration for curtains, cushion covers, and similar soft furnishings.

Short muslin or silk curtains look very attractive with smocked headings worked in dainty shades of red and blue, green or yellow, and a charming finish for silk bolsters cushioned into bands of smocking worked in thick silk thread, the colour chosen being several shades darker than the cushions.

The newest draped dressing tables have their "petticoats" worked with smocked headings, and these look quaintly fascinating, especially in a country cottage type of bedroom.

Full-Skirted Frocks

In the fashion world, full skirts smocked into the bodies of frocks made of any thin material, and completed by a touch of smocking round the neck and puff sleeves, are very popular this year, so are blouses of crepe-de-chine, smocked round the circular neck, waist, and sleeves. Satin evening gowns, with tiny puff sleeves, or miniature shoulder capes have the shoulders smocked with heavy silk toning with the frock.

Many of the latest afternoon frocks have deep hip yokes and shoulders smocked with silk, either to match, or in contrasting shades. These are novel and attractive, though, of course, only suitable for slim figures.

For small girls, the little smocked frocks that were popular when Queen Victoria was on the throne are very fashionable again. These smocked

yoke frocks are now in great request by mothers, and are most becoming. Smocking is quite easy to do, especially with the help of our modern transfers, and in this way the home dressmaker can introduce a distinctive touch to her clothes that will give them quite a professional appearance. Briefly, smocking consists of running rows of gathers together, and oversewing them with silk embroidery thread.

Regularity of Spacing

These gathers require to be set very regularly, by means of rows of dots, about half an inch apart. Our grandmothers marked them out laboriously with pencil, but a better plan is to use a smocking transfer as this is not only easier, but ensures greater regularity. It should be ironed on the wrong side of the material, and then threads run along each row of dots. When these are pulled up, the gathers will fall into even points. They can then be worked in one of the numerous smocking stitches.

The old-fashioned leather-stitch is one of the simplest smocking stitches, and is very effective if done regularly. Work as for ordinary leather-stitch, taking each stitch into a different place.

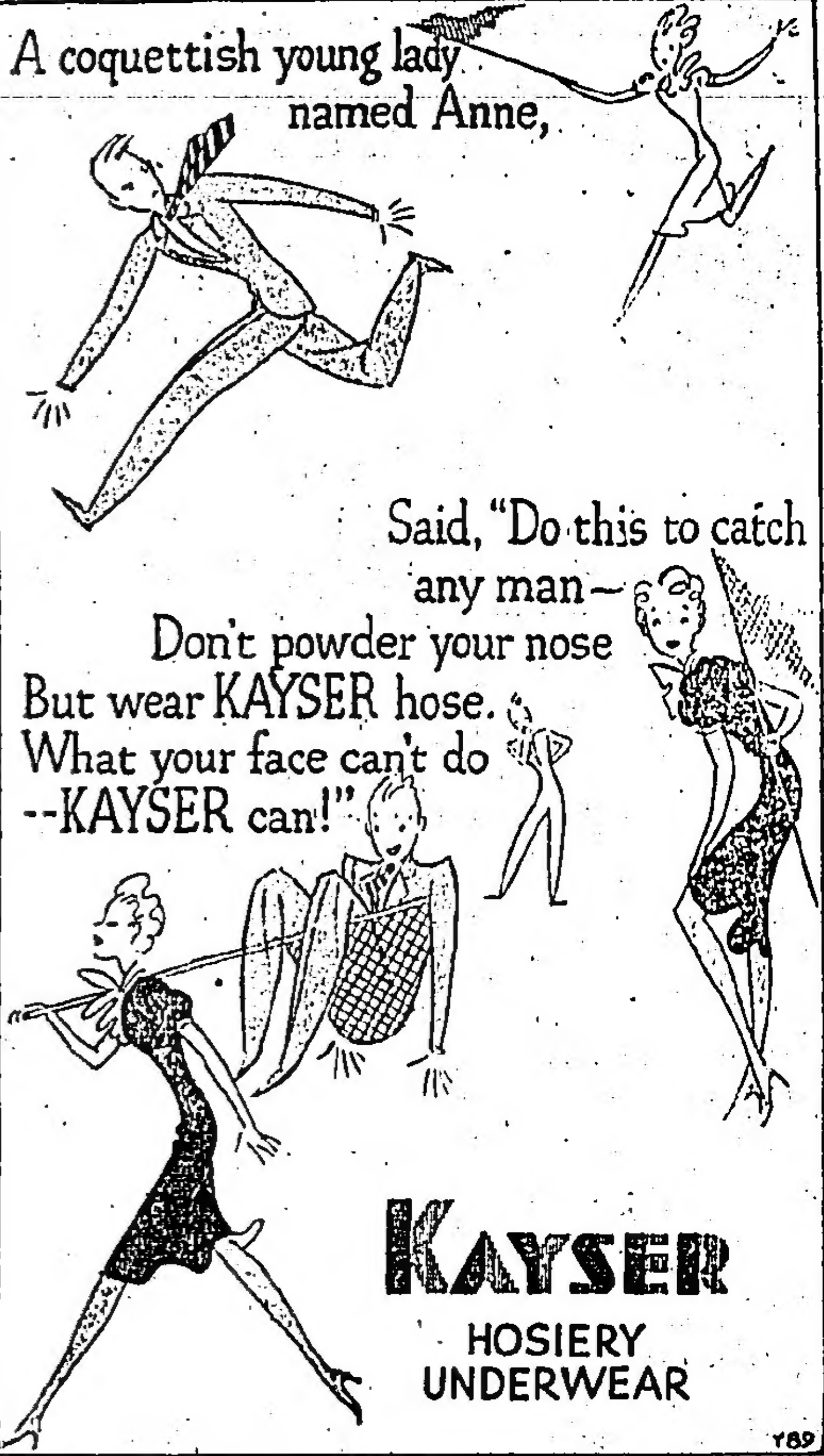
Single cable stitch is another popular form of smocking, and Vandyke stitch gives a quaintly pretty diamond effect. These are both easily learnt, and do not take long to do. When the smocking is completed, but not until then, the gathering threads can be pulled out. Smocking is a fascinating, as well as useful form of needlework, and as the worker gains skill and experience, she can undertake more elaborate patterns, and produce very effective results.

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- 2—Equipped with poles
- 3—Action to recover property (sail)
- 4—Famous road
- 5—Engaged people
- 6—Moved (nautical)
- 7—Building beam
- 8—Loaded die
- 9—Unclose (poetic)
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HONGKONG S.P.C. WELFARE CENTRES



A section of the Lien Yuet Sien Creche in Clarence Terrace, West Point, which is doing splendid work for poor Chinese children. The Creche, which has accommodation for 50 infants, is run by the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children.—Staff Photographer.



Part of the play pen in the Lien Yuet Sien Creche, Clarence Terrace. The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children maintains two trained nurses at the creche and there are two honorary visiting doctors.—Staff Photographer.



A few of the cots at the Lien Yuet Sien Creche in Clarence Terrace. Maintained by the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, this is the only creche of its kind in the Colony.—Staff Photographer.



Chinese mothers photographed feeding their children at the Pokfulam Road welfare centre maintained by the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children. Daily meals are dispensed at this centre.—Staff Photographer.

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ABOVE LEFT: One of the many youngsters who is cared for at the Lien Yuet Sien Creche. The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children have two other welfare centres in Kowloon and one in Wanchai.

ABOVE: This photograph was taken at the Pokfulam Road welfare centre. Last month, the average income of cases dealt with by the Society was 86 cents per head.

LEFT: At the Pokfulam Road welfare centre. An average of 150 mothers are dealt with daily at this centre. Many cases which come before the Society have no incomes whatever being absolutely destitute.

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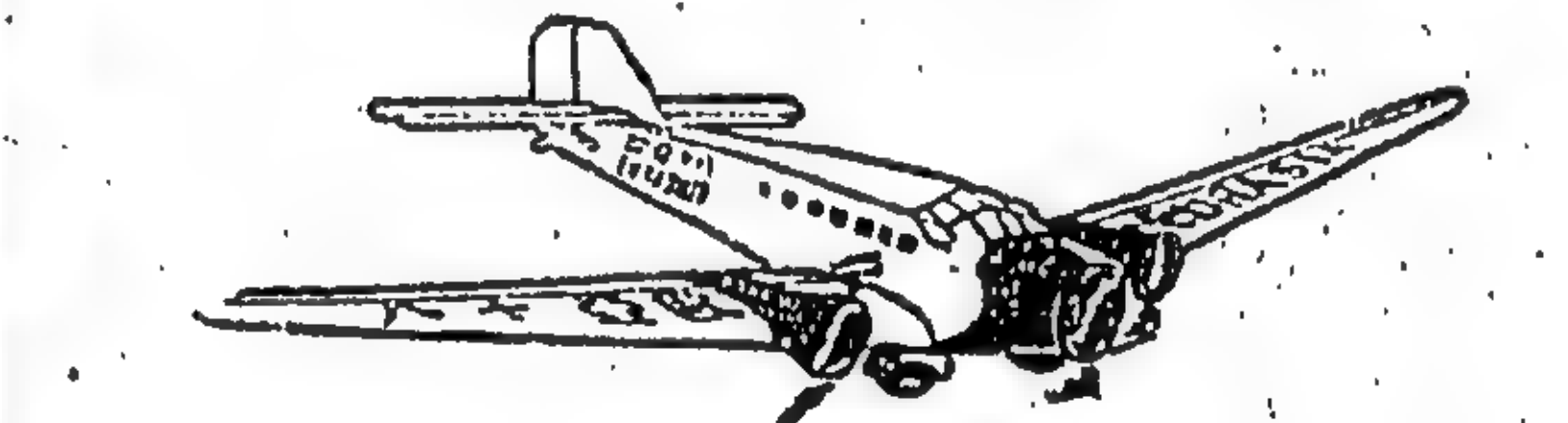
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Y.W.C.A. APPEAL

Joint National And Local Association Campaign

For the first time the Hongkong Branch of the Y.W.C.A. and the National Association are having a joint campaign for funds in Hongkong. The goal for the campaign is \$16,000, which will be divided, \$10,500 to Hongkong and \$5,500 to the National Association. There will be twelve teams with some 150 women working on the teams. The presence in the Colony of a number of national committee members makes it possible to have four national teams, and eight local teams. Dr. F. C. Woo, O.B.E., treasurer of the local Y.W.C.A., and Mrs. Huang Siu-feng, past chairman of the national committee, are the two campaign chairmen. The campaign opens to-night with a dinner of for workers.

The Hongkong Y.W.C.A. is a self-supporting organisation. Its work is not dependent on funds from abroad or from any other part of China. It does however bring to the notice of the community each year its programme and activities and ask for financial support. This year March 10 has been set as the opening day of the finance campaign. The goal is higher than usual both because of additional activities undertaken by the Y.W.C.A. and because the campaign is being held in conjunction with the National Y.W.C.A. of China. The latter organisation consists of a Committee elected by all the local Y.W.C.A.'s throughout the country. It has its headquarters in Shanghai, and is responsible for general policy and problems which concern, not one individual Y.W.C.A., but the National Movement as a whole. A staff of trained and experienced secretaries is employed to carry out this work. In the present emergency situation the National Y.W.C.A. has been called on to undertake special work, and it has therefore been necessary to explore other sources of revenue. One result is this joint campaign.

The Hongkong Y.W.C.A., recognising the needs of the national organisation and understanding the value of its work to the country, has generously consented to this arrangement. From members and friends of the Y.W.C.A. in other parts of China who are now living in Hongkong, additional teams of workers have been organised. The funds raised by the campaign will be divided between the Hongkong Y.W.C.A. and the National Y.W.C.A. in the proportion of 2 to 1, care being taken that the Hongkong budget difference is made up before there is any division of funds.

Report of Work

A report has been issued of the work of the Hongkong association, showing that regular work has been going on side by side with much emergency work. Endless hours have been given by the members to making hospital supplies, quilts, coats, warm underwear and to knitting. Money has been raised in all kinds of ways, including very successful thrift boxes which are collected monthly. The association has made an effort to discover and carry out work needed by the masses of refugees in the city, putting groups of specially trained young women in the camps for welfare and educational work.

Regular work has expanded because in these days of stress the needs of girls and women are many. Nearly every one has problems aggravated by the present situation. The hostel is overflowing, and personal problems absorb long hours of secretaries' time. Students come for relief funds. Clubs and classes help hold morale high. Even in time of war, youth looks to the future and leadership must be trained. Co-operation with many new emergency organisations is a necessary contribution to life to-day.

With the present shift in population towards the west and the west there have come many requests for Y.W.C.A. work in new centres. In response, secretaries have been sent in to survey interior cities and to talk over with residents the possibilities of developing Y.W.C.A.'s. The policy is that such work shall be self-directing and self-supporting from the beginning, but prevailing conditions make it impossible for some local centres to raise funds for the work. The National Y.W.C.A. has therefore made grants on a diminishing scale to such new Y.W.C.A.'s both for the salaries of secretaries and for programme activities, until such time as an

Bomb Found On Railway Track

London, Mar. 9. The timely discovery of a bomb on the railway lines in the London suburb of Sarsfield, about 50 yards off an iron viaduct, prevented a new outrage by terrorists yesterday. The bomb was fitted with a time fuse and it had exploded. It would have destroyed not only the lines but also the electric cables of two power stations in the vicinity. Last evening's papers did not mention this latest attempt, probably in order not to frighten passengers using this line which is usually overcrowded in the evening hours. Special police from Scotland Yard have been busy combing the London districts chiefly inhabited by Irish people for traces of the perpetrators.

LATE NEWS

Further Raids On Wrecked City

ICHANG, Mar. 10. Japanese bombers again visited the ruins of Ichang yesterday and in a further two raids added to the terrible death toll created in Wednesday's mass horror. A Chinese report of the latest raids states that losses of civilian lives and property were "tremendous." About 200 buildings have been wrecked. Six bombs hit the American Mission, while seven foreign residences were struck. A foreign school was also hit. All foreign property conspicuously displayed national flags on the roofs. Twenty-seven bombers participated in the raids, indiscriminately bombing the eastern and southern sections of the city.—Central News.

American Protest

American consulate at Hankow has protested at bombing of American Mission at Ichang. Catholic Cathedral was also bombed.

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EMPIRE DEFENCE
Conference Called By New Zealand

Wellington, Mar. 9. The Prime Minister, Mr. Michael Savage, has confirmed that Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand will hold a defence conference. Mr. Savage stated that the conference will be called by New Zealand.

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SANCTIONS BY BRITAIN: JAPAN WARNED BY ARITA

Pending Questions May End In "Grave Consequences", Diet Told

TOKYO, MAR. 10.
"VARIOUS QUESTIONS ARE PENDING BETWEEN JAPAN ON THE ONE HAND, AND GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE OTHER, IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPOSITION OF AN ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OR SANCTIONS AGAINST JAPAN."

"But it will be found that sanctions or economic blockade cannot be carried out so easily."

A WORLD IN ARMS

	Planes (1st line reserves)	Plane Production Capacity	Air Per- sonnel	Naval Tonnage	Standing Armies	Army Reserves
United States	2,000	4,000	40,000	1,620,000	175,000	300,000
Britain	2,500	8,000	80,000	1,004,000	117,000	450,000
France	2,200	3,000	60,000	165,000	700,000	600,000
Germany	1,000	10,000	200,000	465,000	1,000,000	3,000,000
Italy	3,200	6,000	120,000	670,000	300,000	6,000,000
Japan	2,800	3,000	50,000	1,120,000	1,250,000	3,000,000
Balance of Power						
Germany-Italy-Japan	13,000	19,000	370,000	2,215,000	2,550,000	14,000,000
Democracies	7,700	16,000	200,000	4,309,000	1,192,000	8,350,000
Russia	6,000	4,000	150,000	315,000	1,300,000	8,000,000

Figures in all countries are liable to sudden change, but this table, based on the most reliable data, shows the position at beginning of 1939.

Air Force Reserve To Be Formed In Hongkong

HONGKONG CITIZENS are shortly to be asked to enrol in a Volunteer Reserve of the Royal Air Force.

This reserve will probably be distinct from the existing Air Arm of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Local residents will qualify as volunteer reserves of the Royal Air Force, and, as such, would be called up in times of emergency.

Similar reserves are being formed in Singapore and other Colonies.

It is believed that R.A.F. personnel and planes in Hongkong will be adequately strengthened before the end of the current year, in conformity with the Air Ministry's decision to bring up the number of overseas R.A.F. squadrons to 500.

Air Disaster Sequel

\$200,000 Suit Against
Imperial Airways

NEW YORK, Mar. 9.
A SUIT claiming \$200,000 for the loss of her husband in the Cavalier flying-boat disaster on January 21 has been filed against Imperial Airways in the Federal Court by Mrs. Katherine Miller, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Her husband, Donald Walter Miller, one of the passengers on the flying-boat, was drowned.

Compensation is also demanded by Mrs. Miller, who was rescued, for the loss of baggage valued at \$1,100.

Her lawyer declared: "The purpose of the suit is to fix responsibility for the accident."—Reuter.

Another Note For the W.P.B.

London, Mar. 9.
Asked whether he was aware that all British trade in China and Weihaiwei was at a standstill owing to the Japanese refusal to permit cargoes to be exported unless financed by the Yokohama Specie Bank, Mr. R. A. Butler replied in the affirmative.

He added that the Foreign Secretary was in communication with Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Tokyo, with regard to the whole question of trade and exchange control measures introduced by the Japanese Government.

NATIONAL SERVICE

480,000 Volunteers
In Britain

LONDON, Mar. 9.
REPLYING to a query in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Labour, declared that so far 480,000 registrations had been recorded as a result of the voluntary service campaign.

It is generally commented here that there is quite a discrepancy between the figure given by the Minister of Labour and that mentioned in a recent broadcast speech by the Lord Privy Seal, Sir John Anderson, who declared that of the expected 1,500,000 volunteers, 1,200,000 had already answered the call by registering.

Another question concerning the present state of evacuation measures for city children in the event of war was answered by the Minister of Health, Mr. Walter Elliot, who stated that the number of officers received from the country far exceeded the number of lodgings required for children in the case of emergency.

Refugees In Prague

Thousands Remain In
Dismembered Country

Prague, Mar. 9.
According to an announcement by the official refugee bureau, there are 180,000 persons registered as refugees in Prague alone.

Of these, 10,000 are emigrants from other countries, mainly Germany, and 82,000 of them, or more than half, are unemployed.

"The grave consequences of such a step are well known to the Powers."

"An economic blockade inflicts great loss on both parties."

This statement was made in the Japanese House of Representatives last night by the Foreign Minister, Mr. H. Arita.

He expressed the belief that economic blockade or sanctions against Japan would not be carried out easily by the Western Powers, because they were well aware of the "grave consequences" that would ensue.

At the same time, Mr. Arita uttered the warning that nobody could positively say that such an eventuality would not occur, and revealed that the Japanese Government had prepared against such an emergency.

"A definite plan has been worked out by the Government for the mobilization of commodities, but it may have to be modified by changing circumstances."

"The Government has formulated its plans with the possibility of these changed circumstances, including the possibility of an economic blockade, in view."

The Foreign Minister concluded by stating that it would be inappropriate to reveal details of the plan at present.

He refused to regard the financial assistance extended to China by Britain and America as a manifestation of impending action along the lines of blockade or sanctions.

Kung Pleased At Loan

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10.
Appreciation of the extension by Great Britain of a \$5,000,000 loan to create a joint stabilization fund for the Chinese currency was expressed by Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance in an interview with the Central News Agency yesterday.

Dr. Kung said that the loan would greatly help to stabilize the Chinese currency. It evidenced Great Britain's concern with China's financial and economic conditions.

The success of the negotiations for the establishment of this joint stabilization fund, Dr. Kung added, manifested the far-sightedness of the British politicians as it would benefit both China and Great Britain.

Dr. Kung stated that the Chinese Government and people were most thankful to the British Government for this act.

Patrols Out In Tientsin

Tientsin, Mar. 10.
British troops are patrolling the concession perimeter here in anticipation of acts of terrorism coincident with the Japanese change in the regulations.



PHILADELPHIA DOCTORS have cheated Death. Recently a young woman, twenty-two years old, was admitted into Philadelphia General Hospital.

Doctors examined her and shook their heads gravely. They found her suffering from one of the most dreaded scourges of humanity—tuberculosis.

In hospital they examined her further, and were alarmed to discover that she was to become a mother.

With every resource of modern medical science they fought to save her life at least until her baby was born.

They failed.

In a last desperate effort they performed a post-mortem Caesarean operation four minutes after the tragic mother had breathed her last.

A living child was delivered. Death had reluctantly given back a life for a life.

MADRID BOMBED BY LOYALIST PLANES!

Rebellion Against Miaja's New
Republican Government

MADRID, Mar. 9.
AIRCRAFT, ACTING under the orders of General Miaja's junta, is constantly bombing the rebels in the city.

Madrid's wireless station announced to-day that motorised units were rapidly advancing on Madrid to quell the Communist disturbances.

The rebels were offering little resistance, and were constantly deserting to the Junta's ranks.

All entrances to Madrid were in the hands of the National Defence Council's forces, and it was expected that normal conditions would be restored with little delay.

It was announced that 1,400 Communist prisoners were taken when the headquarters surrendered last night.

On the other hand, Republican troops in the environs of the capital are said to be supporters of General Miaja.

The advance of the Communists in Madrid was made simultaneously with the systematic cutting off of the roads leading from the capital.

The Communists this morning occupied the villages of Vallegas on the road to Valencia, Canillejas, and the road to Guadalajara, and Canilla and Hortaleza on the road to Burgos, thus forming a Communist ring around Madrid.

Ichang Holocaust STRONG AMERICAN PROTEST LODGED

Foreign Missions And Catholic Cathedral Damaged

A "UNITED PRESS" MESSAGE states that a vigorous protest has been lodged with the Japanese authorities in Hankow by the American Consulate at the bombing of American property in Ichang.

Another two raids were made on the stricken city yesterday, adding to the enormous death toll caused during the three raids on Wednesday.

A Chinese report of the latest raids states that losses of civilian lives and property were "tremendous."

Another 200 buildings have been wrecked.

JAPANESE INFORMED
In the raids on Wednesday, four bombs fell on the American Church Mission. There were no casualties.

United States consular officials said they had informed the Japanese army of the position of the property last July, and they added that two 20-foot flags clearly marked the property.

AMERICAN FLAG DISPLAYED
It is stated that four bombs fell on the football field on which the American flag was displayed. In the second raid seven bombs demolished a residence and three buildings on the Catholic Cathedral property adjacent to the American Church Mission.

RESIDENCE DESTROYED
A "Reuter" message states that 17 bombs were dropped on and around the American Episcopal Church Mission compound totally destroying one residence and damaging three other buildings, including the church.

The American staff are safe. All the buildings were clearly marked with American flags.

"Central News" states that a foreign school "was hit."

All foreign property conspicuously displayed national flags on the roofs. Twenty-seven bombers participated in yesterday's raids, indiscriminately bombing the eastern and southern section of the city.

ONE-THIRD OF CITY
LIES IN RUINS
The Japanese version of Wednesday's horrifying air raids which demolished Ichang, the treaty port on the Yangtze River, was released this morning in the form of an official communique.

Last night unimpeachable neutral reports stated that the death toll was in the vicinity of 1,800, with about 2,000 other casualties.

One-third of the city of 75,000 inhabitants has been totally razed.

The Japanese naval communique states that three successive raids were carried out on the city, the Japanese planes taking advantage of the return of fine weather to launch their attacks from the former Chinese aerodrome at Wuchang.

"HUGE BOMBS"
In the first raid an unspecified number of bombs—Chinese reports state—dropped a considerable number of "huge bombs on the stores of munitions outside the East Gate."

The Japanese communique adds that ten large conflagrations were started in the eastern section of the city.

The second raid was made on the centre of the city where, claims the Japanese communique, the objectives were the headquarters of the 77th Division and Police Headquarters.

The third raid followed almost immediately.

"With the conclusion of the third raid," adds the communique, "the important Chinese military base of Ichang was practically reduced to ruins."

Foreign Language Broadcasts

London, Mar. 9.
With reference to the foreign language news broadcasts to-day, Sir Stephen Talbot, Public Relations Officer at the B.B.C. said it spoke well for the good sense and understanding of millions of listeners, whose programmes were interrupted to enable these broadcasts to go out, that there had been no complaint or protest on their part.

The whole country, had approved this interruption by the B.B.C. to broadcast news of international importance.

Japanese Agree To Demands

Soochow University
To Revert To Owners

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10.
AFTER OCCUPYING them for over 17 months, the Japanese have now consented to return the Soochow University premises to the University authorities, according to a Shanghai report.

The acting president of the University has left Shanghai for Soochow to take over the premises.

The Soochow University is an American institute in Soochow, the Venice of China. It was established in 1903 by the American Methodist Mission.—Central News.

GERMAN PROTEST

Chungking, Mar. 10.
The German Consulate-General in Shanghai has filed a protest with the Japanese authorities over the Japanese seizure of the premises of the No. 1 and No. 3 Da Sing Cotton Mills in Nanlungchow and Taimen on the north bank of the Yangtze River in Kiangsu for billeting troops, a Shanghai report states.

Indemnity for damage is demanded.—Central News.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

British Marine Shot Dead

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
W. E. Clementson, a Royal Marine attached to H.M.S. Dorsetshire, was found shot through the chest in a house in Avenue Joffre, French Concession early this morning.

He died in hospital seven minutes after being discovered.

A revolver was found beside the body, and apparently he committed suicide.

British naval authorities stated that an inquest would be held this morning.—United Press.

BRITISH SOLDIER FOUND DEAD

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
Another dramatic discovery was made this morning in the French Concession. Edward Hopkins, of the Royal Army Service Corps, was found dead in a rooming house.

He was apparently committed suicide.

His body was found in a rooming house in the French Concession.

AIR FLEETS TO FLY ON COAL

British Oil Sensation

BRITAIN'S air fleets of the future may fly on synthetic petrol, the product of Britain's semi-derelict coal-fields. Such is the possibility opened up by activities in the little mining village of Glenboig, Coatbridge, Glasgow.

Here, a demonstration plant is making synthetic oil from coal—at the rate of 200 gallons a day. The product is a crude oil which splits up into 50 per cent. lubricating oil.

The motor spirit with the addition of appropriate amounts of tetra ethyl lead, becomes an aeroplane spirit comparable with the highest grade, such as is used in the fastest military machines.

SIXPENCE A GALLON

The crude synthetic oil made by the demonstration plant at present costs 9d. a gallon. But it is claimed that once the process is working directly at the pit-heads, by collecting their entire output over to oil production, the cost per gallon will fall to at most 6d.

Motor spirit can be imported at 4½d. a gallon. The Government, however, guarantees a preference of 6d. a gallon to home-produced motor spirit and diesel oil.

This, on the comparatively low costs of the synthetic process, brings home production into the sphere of commercial enterprise.

Imported motor spirit stored for any prolonged period "gums" and may have to be refined again. Synthetic petrol does not "gum." Such a point has obvious military importance.

The demonstration plant is working on a new British process which, its sponsors say, may revolutionise the oil situation in this country.

RESCUING THE COALFIELDS

Recently it was discussed with its managing director, Mr. E. B. Whalley. He claims that there, at last, is an economical and efficient synthetic process, the development of which would mean rescuing the semi-derelict coalfields of Great Britain, which should henceforward be regarded as our chief sources of oil supply.

The Labour Party's report on "Oil from Coal" made a favourable comment on his process, recommending the erection of six plants. Since then it has been improved by the introduction of a sulphur-resisting catalyst, and the semi-com-

mercial plant has been erected at the Bedlay Colliery, Glenboig.

Broadly, the position, as Whalley explains it, is this. There are three older methods of making oil from coal, all of which seem to have failed. High and low temperature carbonisation are too expensive. At Billingham, a bit plant is working at temperatures and pressures that eat through steel like mice eating cheese.

The other process is the German Fischer and Tropsch process, in which certain British collieries have taken an interest.

This one is expensive, and even in Germany, the plant is now being used almost entirely for the production of chemicals and edible and other fats. There seems no likelihood of its being used here.

By contrast, the synthetic oil process is simple. It works at a temperature of about 100 degrees centigrade, at pressures not much higher than that of the atmosphere.

The raw material is coke—almost any sort of coke, made from any sort of coal. In other processes metallurgical coke has been used. This has two disadvantages—one, that it is dear; the other, that it uses up a valuable raw material.

The synthetic oil process saves colliery expenses in grading, screening, and cleaning the coal. Coke made from dirty coal is good enough for its purpose.

SPECIAL PROPERTIES

From the coke, ordinary blue water gas is obtained (not the purified water gas of other processes). This is converted into a crude oil, which fractionates as indicated above.

Special properties are claimed for the lubricating oil. It has a great temperature range that is to say, it would be suitable for aeroplanes which fly in a few minutes from a temperate zone near the ground to a frigid zone in the upper air.

Crude synthetic oil need not be made into motor spirit, but can be cracked up into a number of valuable solvents, waxes, and other products.

But the importance of the motor spirit, which can be turned into aeroplane spirit, is obvious.

"It is hard to find out," said Mr. Whalley, "what the Government pays for its petrol. It is 88 pence. Presumably, it pays no duty."

Even so, I have been told that it pays 3s. 6d. a gallon. If it paid only 1s. 6d. a gallon, that would give a price well inside our scope. "We don't argue only from military necessity," said Mr. Whalley. "What we argue is that for normal peacetime needs our coalfields should be regarded as oil sources."

Compared with 1913, British coal output is down by 45 million tons. This would convert into 7,500,000 tons. Experts believe it would take years before coal could be converted on this scale. But it is argued that that only makes a stronger case for beginning the job soon.

Car Bandits Made P.C. Leap For Life

POLICE were recently searching for bandits who raided three houses near Worplesdon (Surrey) golf club and broke through a police cordon in a stolen car, nearly knocking down an officer.

Motorists on all main roads from Woking to London and the coast were stopped and questioned.

DROVE AT P.C.

P. C. Spriggs, who was guarding Black Horse Lane, attempted to stop a small saloon car.

The driver drove straight at the officer, who had to jump aside to avoid being knocked down.

In falling he managed to obtain the number of the car, which was later reported stolen from the garage of Mr. B. Jobling, of The Gate House, Worplesdon Hill.

When, shortly after midday, the car was found abandoned in a by-road near Guildford with some of the stolen property in it, the police cordon was withdrawn.

The cordon, for which police on duty were reinforced by others called from their beds, was hurriedly drawn when Captain Charles Napier Ambrose, of Esher Lodge, Worplesdon Hill, reported that his house had been broken into. Silver and jewellery were stolen.

Wasp Stings Nearly Fatal

James P. Curless is allergic to wasps and when one stung him he almost died. Doctors worked over him for five hours and administered adrenalin before they could restore him to consciousness.

STRIKE CAUSES SORE FEET



Strike for increased wages by more than 4,000 elevator operators in New York City tied up hundreds of buildings, particularly in the fur and garment centres, and prevented more than 100,000 employees from going to work. Above, Jeanne Gregory, left, her sister Irene, right, and Lillian Berson, clothes models, started to hike to the 36th floor.

NEW SOLDIER WEARS WIND SUIT, SKI TROUSERS, GAITERS

BRITAIN'S new Army-on-Wheels demonstrated its speed and hitting power on the plains of Aldershot recently to members of Parliament, and the new soldier paraded in battle order that would puzzle the veterans of 1914-18.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, the Minister of War, was not there himself—there was a Cabinet meeting—but he had commanded a showing of the Army's closest secrets, and 148 M.P.s ploughed through Aldershot's yellow mud to see them.

Among the weapons of destruction and terror, Mr. Magician-Belisha put on show a magic carpet, fifty yards long. A few days ago a field was filled with heavy poison gas. A roll of this "carpet"—it looks like three thicknesses of paper—was laid across the field, and 1,000 men walked across it without getting their Army boots burned or contaminated.

The men in gas-masks who stood beside the carpet wore yellow cuffs over their olivins. Those cuffs would have changed colour if a trace of poison gas had come over on the cold wind.

Yellow discs were scattered on the ground. They were "gas detectors" too. That is a gas detection squad in the new Army.

Some of the smarter-booted officers said they disliked the new battle dress for the foot soldier.

Gone are puttees. They give way to small ankle gaiters like those of the Marines. Brass buttons have given way to bakelite buttons.

The soldier will go into battle in a windproof suit, the close-fitting tunic buttoning into khaki trousers that would do well for skiing.

This uniform was in the experimental stage up to the crisis. Since then thousands have been issued. Army chemists are experimenting, and believe that soon they will be able to make the material gas-proof as well as windproof.

M.P.s climbed a hill and packed themselves into a stand with a wide view to get a glimpse of the new mechanised Army on the move.

Twelve squat scouting armoured cars appeared in the mist a mile away. In less than two minutes, leaping over the rough ground, they were past the stand.

Of eleven different types of tank shown, seven are on the secret list. One, fast and heavily armoured, looks like a submarine. There is a short periscope through which the gunner in the round conning tower takes his sights, and the driver, safe from all non-piercing bullets, also looks into a periscope. This is an assault tank.

The commentator said: "It represents a new conception. In design and construction considerably in advance of foreign countries."

All of the tank squadrons were commanded by radio. Thin, upright aerials waved from their shapes like the feelers of underwater monsters.

Special pride of the new Army is the latest anti-tank gun—towed behind light dragons or tanks. It can fire from its wheels, in an emergency, but normally fires from the central mounting, which gives an all-round traverse. Their thin, eighteen-inch long shell will pierce the heaviest tank armour, then explode inside.

One of the new guns looks like a steel hose-pipe, and is claimed to be the best anti-aircraft piece in the world for dealing with low-flying airplanes.

It fires a 2-lb. shell that explodes if it touches a sheet of paper and explodes so completely that none of it falls to earth. The gun fires 120 of these a minute, and a sergeant said he could count on thirty-seven hits out of fifty-five on a target towed at 100 m.p.h.

They said at Aldershot, there is now no shortage of the famous Bren gun.



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TOMBOLA at the Filipino Club, every Sunday at 11 a.m. Members please note the annual meeting will be held the same day at 3 p.m.

FOR SALE.

GIANT ZINNIA SEEDS have just been received. Ask for our summer list. The Clover Flower Shop.

M.C.C. Face Huge Score In Test

(Continued from Page 3.)

K. G. Villjoen, b. Perks	74
A. Melville, b. Farnes	103
E. L. Dalton, c. and b. Wright	21
R. E. Grieveson, b. Farnes	39
A. B. C. Langton, c. Hammond	6
b. Farnes	3
S. Newson, b. Wright	7
N. Gordon not out	17
Extras	17

Total 481
Fall of wickets—1 (Mitchell) for 191; 2 (Rowan) for 191; 3 (Van Der Byl) for 191; 4 (Nourse) for 242; 5 (Villjoen) for 346; 6 (Dalton) for 382; 7 (Melville) for 434; 8 (Langton) for 450; 9 (Newson) for 462.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	22.1	2	74	4
Perks	32	6	99	1
Wright	32	7	146	3
Verity	40	9	87	2
Edrich	6	1	18	0
Hammond	9	1	30	0
Hutton	1	0	10	0

M.C.C.—2ND INNS.

Hutton, not out	0
P. A. Gibb, not out	0
Total (for 0 wkt.)	0

\$40,000,000 Navy Vote Passed

Washington, Mar. 9.

The Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives to-day tentatively agreed to the \$40,000,000 naval and public works bill, but delayed its final vote until Friday, pending action for the \$9,000,000 authorization for the purchase of docks at Hunter's Point in San Francisco Bay.

Earlier in the day, Admiral William Leahy stated that the Bill required support, as the fleet's "docking facilities on the west coast of Hawaii were inadequate."—United Press.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Any person who had witnessed the accident which occurred on the 4th of this month at 3.15 p.m. in Nathan Road when a boy, 14 years of age, riding a bicycle was knocked down and killed by Lorry No. 5053 will please communicate with Mr. B. F. Nong of No. 169, Hai Tan Street, 1st floor, Shamshui, Kowloon.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventeenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager,
Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

23 Committed At Old Bailey

London, Mar. 9.
Twenty-two men and one girl were committed for trial at Old Bailey when they appeared to-day at the Bow Street court on charges under the Explosives Substances Act. Among the accused who were apprehended in London and various parts of the country, following recent bomb outrages, were 18 charged specially with conspiring to use explosives.—Reuter.

C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4123	Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 4057, Tse Tung Road, 1st Lot East.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	About 4,000	\$85	\$15,500
			As per sale plan.			

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Rural Building Lot No. 420	South of Rural Building Lot No. 383, Mount Cammeron Road.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	About 22,400	\$253	\$2,538
			As per sale plan.			

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tin Hau Temple Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	Inland Lot No. 5488	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 5487, Tin Hau Temple Road.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	About 6,100	\$112	\$6,100
			As per sale plan.			

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4	Inland Lot No. 5488	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 5487, Tin Hau Temple Road.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	About 6,400	\$113	\$6,400
			As per sale plan.			

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1s. 2.25/32
Demand	1s. 2.25/32
T.T. Shanghai	105 1/2
T.T. Singapore	105 1/2
T.T. Japan	105 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	28 1/2
T.T. Manila	58 1/2
T.T. Batavia	58 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	108 1/2
T.T. Saigon	108 1/2
T.T. France	108 1/2
T.T. Germany	71 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	120 1/2
T.T. Australia	170 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s E/c London	1/3.1/32
4 m/s D/p do.	1/3.1/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11.27
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.69 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,430 b
H.K. Banks Ltd.	91 n
Chartered	9 1/2 n
Mercantile, A. & B.	27 1/2 n
Mercantile, C. & Z.	13 n
East Asia	85 b

INSURANCES	
Canton	225 b
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Macao Electric s.	17 1/2 b
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Wing On (H.K.)	42 b
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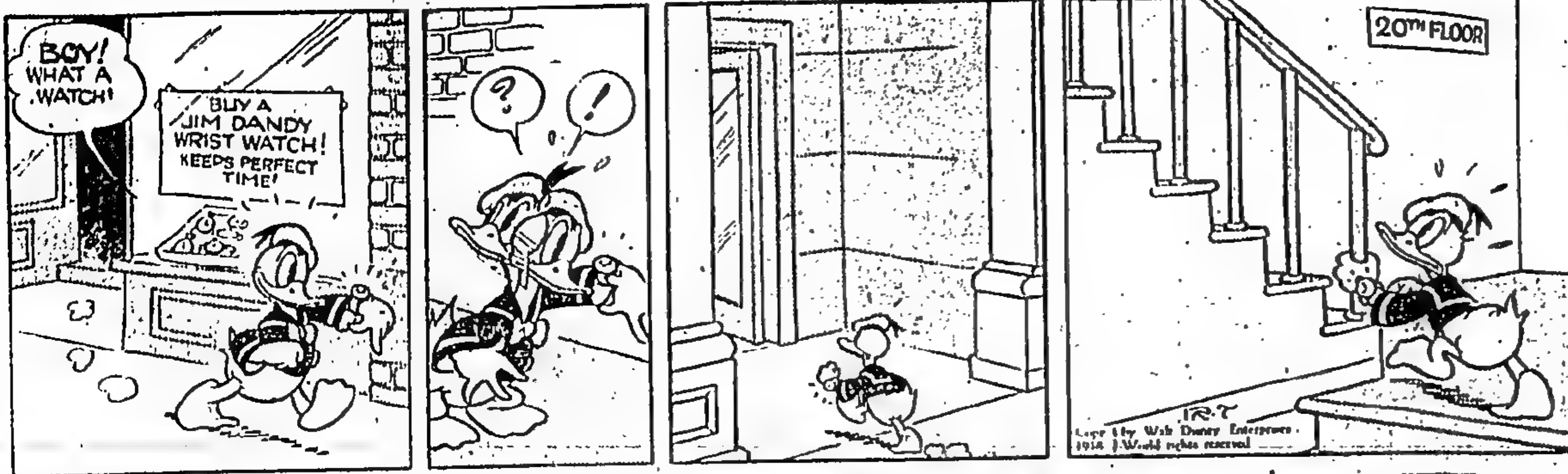
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H.K. UNION CHURCH Annual General Meeting Held Last Night

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Union Church, Kennedy Road, was held in the Church Hall last night. Mr. S. V. Boxer, Chairman of the Committee of Management, was in the Chair, supported by the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow, Minister, and Mr. E. Hinmworth, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Boxer reported that the Church had had a satisfactory year, which had been an anxious one for everyone, particularly for ministers, and he expressed thanks to the Rev. Mr. Dow for his work. The Chairman also expressed thanks to all visiting clergy, particularly the Rev. F. Short, and the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of St. John's Cathedral. These visits, particularly by those not actually connected with the Church, were not only valuable for the inspiration they brought, but also showed the unity of the Church.

Referring to the work of the Sunday School, Mr. Boxer said that Mr. and Mrs. Short left during the year, and the School was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Hutcheon, who was not only a trained teacher, but she was also in constant contact with the Chinese, which was a very valuable asset in Sunday School teaching in Hongkong. Such contacts brought new points of view to the children, and would perhaps bring about a better understanding among nations.

Mr. Boxer referred to the number of Chinese who had made the Church their place of worship. Extending them a hearty welcome, he remarked that a striking fact in the life of China today was her great interest in music.

There was room for expansion in the Choir. The Ladies Committee had done excellent work during the year, especially in supporting the New Territories Evangelical Society. The Chairman mentioned the impending departure of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alexander on leave. The better financial position of the Church was in large measure due to the practical help Mr. Alexander had lent in finding people who were willing to assist the Church financially. The adoption of the report and accounts for the year, which were proposed by Mr. Boxer, was seconded by the Rev. H. R. Wells, who remarked that he would like to see a more permanent scheme for the Church Building Fund.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected: Trustees—Messrs. W. L. Alexander, J. Finnie and A. K. Mackenzie, to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of Messrs. J. L. McPherson, W. M. Currie and W. McManis. Committee of Management—Messrs. S. V. Boxer, W. Elliott, J. Lawrie, A. McKellar, P. D. Wilson, W. Wooding, J. B. Gilroy, Mrs. G. Robertson, Mrs. C. Lamb, Dr. G. Thomas, Mrs. C. B. Brown, Mr. W. L. Alexander and Mr. E. Hinmworth. Hon. Secretary—Mr. E. Hinmworth (re-elected).

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. W. L. Alexander (re-elected).

Ladies Committee—Messdames K. Mackenzie Dow, C. H. Lamb, C. B. Brown, A. E. Purves, I. Shaw, J. R. Selby, S. V. Boxer, D. L. Prophet, Nimmo, and W. L. Bell, S. V. Boxer, J. Lacey, E. Hinmworth and Dr. R. M. Alderton (re-elected).

Before the meeting concluded, Mr. W. A. Ingram, Secretary of the European Y.M.C.A. and a member of the Kowloon Union Church Committee, expressed thanks to the Church for their welcome to him and his son at the meeting. He congratulated the Church on its successful year's working, and said that though the Kowloon Union Church was grateful for all the help other Ministers had given them, there was urgent need for a permanent Minister, and the Kowloon Church Committee had recommended that the Church select a minister as soon as possible.

Mr. Ingram also remarked that the Kowloon Union Church felt that it was time the Church became incorporated with the Hongkong Union Church, which was the parent Church, so that they could assist each other in difficult times.

Committee's Report

The report states in part: Your Committee wishes to record its appreciation of the work done by the Minister during the past year. The number of troops served by our minister continues to increase the whole question of the performance of military chaplaincy duties by the pastor of Union Church will have to be reconsidered.

During the year a new Register of Adherents was prepared, and it is suggested that our older members might co-operate in keeping this Register up to date by reporting to

the Committee the arrival of new persons who wish to be associated with our Church. The service of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Scots was held each Sunday morning throughout the year and naval detachments also attended the Sunday morning service. The Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps held its annual Church parade on St. Andrew's Sunday.

New Territories Evangelical Society.—The Society continues to carry on its Missionary work in the New Territories directed by the Sixth Row Territories of the Church of Christ in China. During the year the Church was able to contribute the sum of \$500 to the society, due mainly to the efforts of the Ladies Committee and the Sunday School.

Sunday School.—The Kennedy Road Sunday School has been under the able superintendence of Miss Hutchison assisted by four teachers. There are now about forty-five scholars on the roll. During the year the children contributed over \$60 to the New Territories Evangelical Society.

Over to the lack of scholars, it was not found possible to continue with the Taikee Sunday School.

Vale.—Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson left the colony in the early part of the year. Mr. Stevenson had been associated with the Union Church from the early years of this century, and claimed, at the time of his retirement, to be our oldest adherent. He had served the Church in many capacities and we wish him a long and prosperous retirement.

Financial Report

The general income for the year exceeded expenditure—by \$2,711.70. This surplus has enabled the Finance Committee to create a reserve for repairs and maintenance of Church properties. The amount transferred to reserve this year is \$2,500.00. It is proposed to increase this reserve in future years by an annual amount of not less than \$1,000.00 and it is hoped that such a reserve will prove sufficient to meet all future expenditure on repairs, etc., including the periodic renovating and redecoration of Church property when necessary.

The Finance Committee wish to record its deepest thanks to the Ladies Committee and Guild who by their strenuous efforts were able to donate to Church funds from their surplus for the year a sum of \$1,200.00 making a total donation during the Church financial year of \$1,600.00.

TILLIE TAKES A LETTER

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have a look at it. Turn it up, please Miss Tebborough.

Tillie, by this time bored and listless, heroically stifles a sigh and enters the outer office, and after a slight nervous flutter that the report would prove to be matter in the wrong place, produces the document. "Thanks. What they say? \$1,000 deposit—bit thick! Well, can't be helped. Let's get on with it. What was the last sentence?"

Outwardly patient, inwardly seething, she tells him, "No, Galston, tell him I can't possibly do it. I'll phone him later." Galston hastily withdraws his head into the outer office.

"Um—er—interesting report stated that a deposit of \$1,000 would be required before the work could be put in hand full stop paragraph. Can you possibly give me—not me, say us—a call sometime during the week?" ("All right, just a minute, nearly through.") "We could then discuss the matter more fully, than by correspondence full stop." Ouff! Yours faithfully.

Tillie heartily reciprocates that "Ouff!" but now her angelic cast of countenance is most deceptive and gives no hint of her inward exasperation. "All right, rattle that one off, will you, then I'll have some more tensors for you."

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

The following is the text of "The Reclamation Ordinance" to be laid before the Legislative Council at the next meeting:—

Whereas the foreshore of the harbour of Victoria is in process of being reclaimed, and it is expedient to put a stop to such process and to provide a deep water frontage; and whereas the area of level land for building and for roads and quays and open spaces along the sea front of the city of Victoria is insufficient to meet the growing needs of the colony, and it is expedient to enlarge the same: He it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. The works authorised by this Ordinance and all works for the effectual and convenient carrying out of the same are declared to be works for a "public purpose" within the meaning of that term as contained in the Crown Leases of lands in the colony.

2. The works authorised by this Ordinance comprise the following:—(a) The making of an embankment along all necessary and convenient places, approaches and other conveniences and works, such embankment to commence westward at a point upon the sea-wharf opposite the Gas Works, and to terminate eastward at a point opposite to Murray Pier; the said embankment to be constructed in whole or in greater part upon the bed or foreshore of the harbour.

(b) The making upon the said embankment of a public road-way not less than seventy-five feet, the said road-way to be constructed in whole or in greater part upon the bed or foreshore of the harbour.

(c) The reclaiming and enclosing and filling up so much of the foreshore and bed of the harbour as lies between the present Quay wall and the intended embankment, to such heights and levels as may be determined by the Governor.

For the purpose of effecting the works authorised by this Ordinance it shall be lawful for the Governor to remove, alter, or divert any street, or enclosure, wharf, pier, landing place, and other things as shall in the judgment of the Governor be necessary to be done for the purposes of this Ordinance.

5. All the land, and foreshore, and bed of the sea to be reclaimed under this Ordinance shall be the land occupied by the present Quay road-way and wall along the line of the intended reclamation, is hereby declared to be absolutely the property of the Crown, free from any restriction whatever, and the Governor shall have power, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, to dispose of the same in any manner he may think fit, and to do so full and extent as in the case of other Crown lands; and all property, estate, rights, or supposed rights and easements or supposed easements of any persons or class of persons, whether Crown lands or otherwise, shall be deemed to be the property of the Crown, free from any restriction whatever, and the Governor shall have power, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, to dispose of the same in any manner he may think fit, and to do so full and extent as in the case of other Crown lands.

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Liner On Fire

Atlantique's Successor Damaged

Paris, Mar. 9.

A fire broke out last night on the 30,000-ton steamer Pasteur, belonging to the French South Atlantic Company, which is in course of construction at St. Nazaire and was to have been put into service next June.

By a curious coincidence the Pasteur is destined to replace the liner Atlantique, belonging to the same company, which was totally destroyed by fire some years ago during a trial trip prior to her maiden voyage.

The fire on the Pasteur broke out in one of the ship's funnels which was enveloped by scaffolding, and spread with great rapidity, threatening the hull and the engine room. Thanks to the energetic efforts of the fire brigade, an explosion which would have had serious consequences was averted, but some hours elapsed before the fire could be extinguished.

The damage is stated to be extensive.—Trans-Ocean.

look upon the alleged 'discovery' as a hoax.

(This discovery led to the great Fitzroy gold rush. Rockhampton, second largest city in Queensland, was then, before the northern bankment to be constructed in whole or in greater part upon the bed or foreshore of the harbour.)

25 YEARS AGO

Miss Sylvia Fankhurst was noticed by the police on an omnibus to be proceeding to a demonstration in Trafalgar Square, and was arrested. The demonstrators, who were armed with sticks, decided to march to Downing Street and protest. They attacked the police who headed them off, and mounted police scattered the procession.

H.M.S. Iron Duke put to sea on the 23rd, inst. fitted with the latest aircraft guns. This is the first appearance of this type of gun in the British Navy.

10 YEARS AGO

In the House of Commons today, several questions were asked in regard to the question of the arrest of the noted Swarajist agitator, Replying, Mr. Winterbottom (Under Secretary for India) stated that Gandhi was not actually arrested. There were 22 arrests made, and Gandhi was afterwards informed that he would be prosecuted.

Dealing with the question of British air defence Sir Samuel Hoare said there were 62 squadrons that they regarded as the minimum for Home Defence and Imperial Reserve. The efficiency of the units had been greatly raised recently, and that the auxiliary squadrons had shown themselves so efficient as to justify the addition of three squadrons to their number in the Estimates.

5 YEARS AGO

The urgent need for some means of controlling the Government to keep in closer harmony with public opinion is again touched upon by the author of last week's challenging letter on the scandalous commencing among Kowloon's trees.

The annual rugby match between the Hongkong Football Club and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be played on the Club ground at 3.15 p.m. to-day. The Club will be represented by the following: P. J. Whitman; K. Noble; W. E. Peers; R. H. Griffiths; W. Harris Walker; J. Hutchison; H. C. Meek; V. R. Andrews; C. Austin; S. H. Garry; R. Cherrill; A. F. Walker; A. H. Harbord; K. A. Munro; D. McLeish (Captain); Reserves: D. M. Wheeler; D. K. Edwards; B. C. Allan; W. H. E. Rigg; M. G. McGilchrist; A. D. Lowson; M. W. Turner; J. G. Robertson; C. G. Moutrie; L. H. Bradford; G. A. Stewart; F. R. Burch; R. E. Edkins; D. A. Cumming; P. J. McGilchrist; D. W. Mortlock. The match will be refereed by Dr. J. A. R. Selby.

Speaking on the Air Estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Stanley Baldwin disagreed with the statement that Mr. Anthony Eden's tour was a failure.

Mr. Baldwin said that the tour had not yet brought the fruits, but he had no doubt that the tour was a success, or something on the British lines, would give equality in air strength to that of any country within striking distance of her shores.

This announcement was greeted by loud cheers.

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Rachmaninoff Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30

DANCE MUSIC AND VARIETY

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c. per second.

H. K. T. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Richard Crooks (Tenor) and the Light Symphony Orchestra. "If I Should Send A Rose (Shayen-Shikret); Open Your Window To The Morn (Hayden-Phillips); Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; Bal Masque (Fletcher); Mon (Waldteufel); Light Symphony Orchestra; When You're Away (The Only Girl—Herbert); One Alone (The Desert Song—Romberg); Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; Homage March (Hayden Wood); Concert Waltz—"Joyousness" (Moods Suite—Hayden Wood); Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by The Composer.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Stan Holloway, Vivian Ellis, and Harry Roy and His Orchestra. Harry Roy's New Stage Show. Harry Roy and His Orchestra (Recorded at the actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London); Jonah Day was then, before the northern bankment to be constructed in whole or in greater part upon the bed or foreshore of the harbour.)

Humorous Monologue by Stanley Holloway. With Piano; "On The Avenue"—Piano Medley (Berlin); Vivian Ellis (Piano); "The Town Talks"—Piano Medley (Vivian Ellis); Vivian Ellis (Piano); Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Brahms—Concerto in D Major, Op. 77.

Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Day of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Have you ever been in heaven; (b) Feel but you're swell; (c) Please be kind; (d) Don't be that way. The 6.14 Record: Serenade in The Night (Kennedy, Cherrubini); Old Sailor (Godfrey, Kennedy); The Street Singer (Arthur Tracy) with Instrumental Accompaniment.

6.21 (a) Stolen Heaven; (b) Tip-Tin; (c) Half Moon on the Hudson; (d) Carry me back to old Virginia.

6.35 Records: Black And White (George Botsford); Woodland Flowers (Felix Burns); Viljo Vesterinen (Accordion Virtuoso); Rosetta—Slow Fox-Trot;—Gayle Moore (Piano) with String Bass and Drums.

6.44 (a) It's Wonderful; (b) Oh! Boom; (c) Good-night Angel; (d) John Peel Swing.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Greta Keller, Charlie Kunz, Frank Crumit, Turner Layton and Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

"Follow The Fleet"—Selection (Irving Berlin)...Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra. London, with the Paramount Foot at the Ocean Heart of Gold from "All Night At Oxford Circus"—Nolan; Alone (film "A Night At The Opera"—Fred and Brown)...Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano; Kunz Revivals No. 3; Intro: Poor Butterfly; After you've gone; Whispering; Alice Blue Gown; Just a Little Love a Little Kiss; The Chocolate Soldier Waltz...Charlie Kunz (Piano); The Return of Abdul Abulbul Amir (Crumit); I'm Bettin' The Roll On Roamer (Curtis and Crumit)...Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Orchestra; Bell Medley; Intro: Fire Bell (Kempinsky); Legend of the Bells (Planquette); The Bells of St. Mary's (Adams)...Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Hollington at the Organ; A Little Rumble In Springtime With You (Roller, Jurman, Sarony); Trust In Me (Weaver, Schwartz, Aron); Greta Keller (Vocal) with Fred Horne; Greta Keller (Vocal); Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 11; Intro: I'll See you Again; The Desert Song; My Hero; The Merry Widow; Love will find a way; The Blue Danube; Charlie Kunz (Piano); "The Hit Parade" Selection; "Wake Up And Live" Selection...Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Hollington at the Organ; I'm A Fool For Loving You (Lewis and Woodlins); Au Revoir (Gilbert)...Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano; Ray Noble Medley; Intro: Brighter than the sun; If you'll say "Yes" Charlie Layton; The sweetest thing; By the Fire; What more can I ask; Why stars come out at night; The very thought of you; Goodnight, sweetheart...Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Reginald Foot at the Organ.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio-Talk—Opportunities offered through Women's Organisation for Service in Hongkong.

8.13 Music of Saint-Saens.

"Samson and Delilah"—Softly Awakes My Heart...Milo G. Cernay and Georges Thill with Orchestra; The Swan...Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano accompaniment by N. McMillan.

8.23 Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30.

Vladimir Horowitz (Piano) and The London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.

9.00 London Relay—Food for Thought.

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 Next week's programme.

9.20 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Songs by Keith Falkner (Baritone).

Had A Horse (Hungarian Folk Songs—Korby); Shepherd, See Thy Horse's Foaming Mane (Hungarian Folk Song—Korby); With Piano accompaniment by Gerald Moore; Wings (film "Mayfair Melody")...with Orchestra and Chorus.

10.00 London Relay—Sandy Macpherson at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.

10.15 New Dance Music and Variety.

Dance Orchestra—Somebody Stole My Gal—Quickstep; Alibi (Sue); Fox-Trot...Brian Lawrence and His Quartet with Vocal Chorus; Instrumental—Lady Of Madrid (Harmonies—Damerell)...Joe Green (Accordion) and Mill Herth (Organ); Xylophonia...Joe Green (Xylophone) and Mill Herth (Organ); Comedians—The Lady And The Bottle; Alibi (Sue)...Brian Lawrence and His Quartet with Vocal Chorus; Instrumental—Lady Of Madrid (Harmonies—Damerell)...Joe Green (Accordion) and Mill Herth (Organ); Xylophonia...Joe Green (Xylophone) and Mill Herth (Organ); Comedians—The Lady And The Bottle; Alibi (Sue)...Brian Lawrence and His Quartet with Vocal Chorus; Instrumental—Lady Of Madrid (Harmonies—Damerell)...Joe Green (Accordion) and Mill Herth (Organ); Xylophonia...Joe Green (Xylophone) and Mill Herth (Organ); Comedians—The Lady And The Bottle; Alibi (Sue)...Brian Lawrence and His Quartet with Vocal Chorus; Instrumental—Lady Of Madrid (Harmonies—Damerell)...Joe Green (Accordion) and Mill Herth (Organ); Xylophonia...Joe Green (Xylophone) and Mill Herth (Organ); 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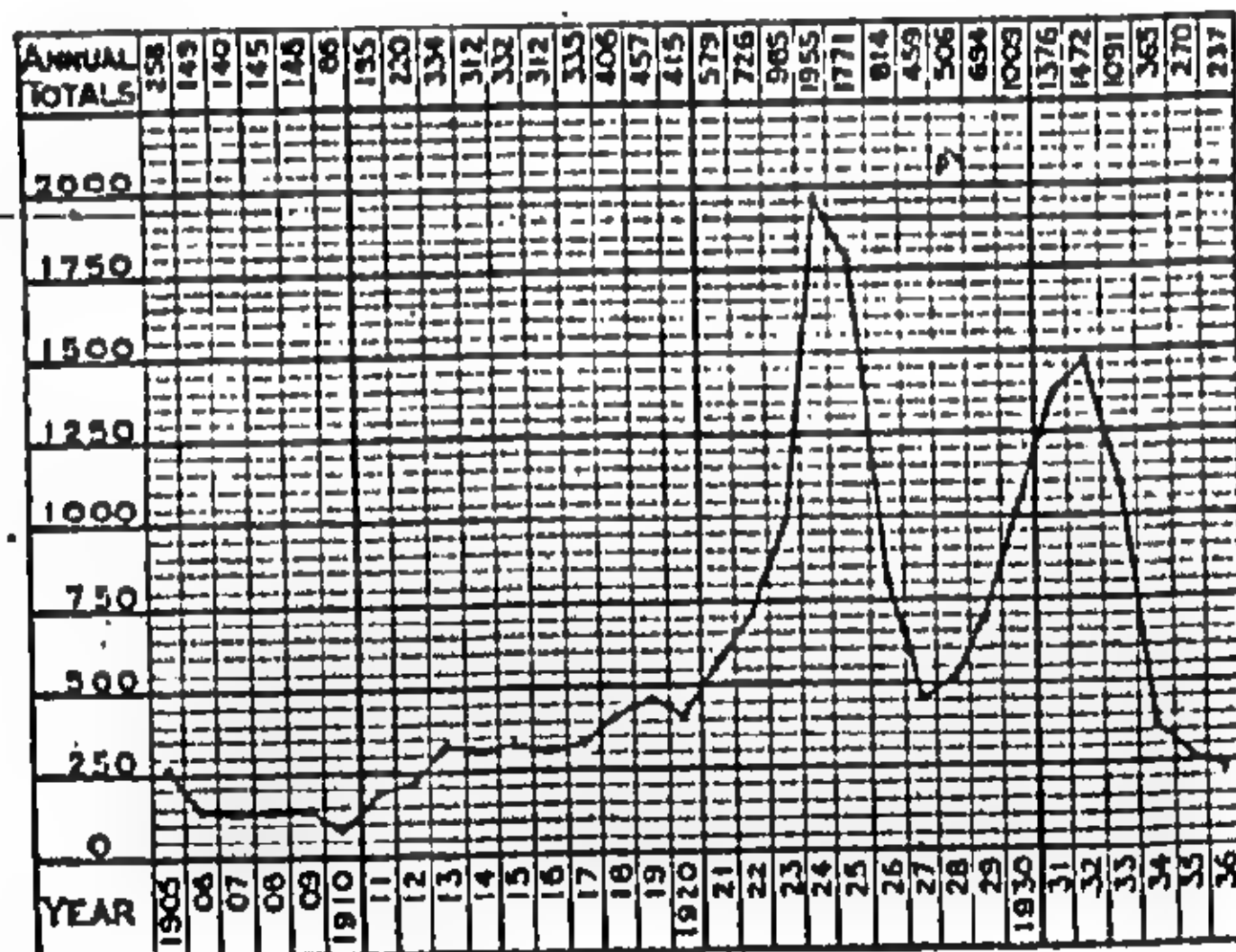
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Air Raids

THIS newspaper respectfully but firmly disagrees with a morning contemporary, which attacks as ridiculous the Government's plans for mass evacuation of the population to the New Territories in the event of an emergency. The efficacy of evacuation has been proven beyond all doubt in Spain and in China.

An enemy is not going to waste expensive bombs on refugee camps when there are more fruitful objectives, and the parts of Hongkong that will suffer will be the overcrowded tenement areas on the island and mainland.

Since, as Wing Commander Steele-Perkins admits, there is no method of protecting these tenements from bombers, the obvious course is to empty them.

Our contemporary attacks the plan on the grounds that it cannot be carried into effect unless a fleet of liners is to be employed to convey the island population across the harbour, unless ample food kitchens are to be available at short notice, and unless an army of robots is to be trained to carry on the work of the Colony. We are in a position to reveal that a fleet—not of liners but of launches and other smaller ships—is available to carry civilians across the harbour at a moment's notice, and that plans have been prepared for over twelve months for setting up camps and food kitchens to care for refugees. Finally, the Government plans do not envisage a complete evacuation of population, but an evacuation of that part of the population not engaged in essential services.

We believe that, in following the examples of Spain and China in arranging for evacuation in times of emergency, the Government is acting wisely. But at the same time we intend to go on demanding deep shelters and tunnels as the only adequate method of protection for that considerable part of the population which will have to remain in the built-up areas. We know that they are expensive—so is everything connected with defence—but, cheap as human life is sometimes regarded in this part of the world, it is not so cheap that everything possible should not be done to protect it.

We would suggest that some of the refugees who are costing the Government thousands of dollars a day for maintenance could be employed in helping to make the Colony a safe place to live in in war-time. It has been said that there is no point in setting an unemployed man to dig a hole in the ground. Well, now there is a point, and an urgent one.

The Harvest

THE BRITISH guarantees for a loan of £10,000,000 by Hong-kong and Chinese banks for the purpose of stabilising China's currency, coming so soon on top of the recent Anglo-American credits, indicates that the democracies are no longer prepared to take the Japanese policy of economic exclusion lying down.

There is every indication, indeed, that the position in China is rapidly approaching a point that bodes ill for Japan's future. In addition to the already-announced aid from Britain and the United States, it seems possible that France will create large credits as a reply to Japan's action in invading Hainan Island, and there are also possibilities that Britain and America have by no means made their final gesture. Japan, in short, is beginning to reap the harvest of a rough-shod policy that has antagonised the nations that count.

MINORCA
of the EAST

 by
Harry GREGSON

EMERGING FROM the mists like a giant tortoise with its head buried in the waves, avoided by large ships on account of its reputation for fog and sudden squalls, lies the little known island of Hainan, the occupation of which by the Japanese is a vital threat to British, French and American interests in the Far East.

Yet, although the interior of this mountainous and jungle-covered island, about the size of Belgium, is largely unexplored, it has claims to fame apart from its strategic situation.

IT HAS been referred to as "The Siberia of China," for to Hainan were banished exiles from the Chinese Empire. Among them was one of the earliest experimenters in Socialism Su Tung-Po, now the legendary hero of the inhabitants. Su Tung-Po lived during the reign of Emperor Shen-Tsung. His banishment followed differences with the Prime Minister. In three years, from 1098-1100, this early Socialist pioneer taught the people letters and court dialect and shrines to his memory are found at frequent points in the coastal districts.

In the matter of trial marriages, Hainan preceded the United States by centuries. When a youth casts his eyes on a girl whom he thinks might make a suitable wife, the parents build a bachelor house for their daughter. If the couple get on well together, they are married. If not, they part. It is claimed that marriages in Hainan are very successful.

HAINAN WAS known to Alexander Selkirk, hero of Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe," who called at Yu-Ling Kang, one of the main harbours, on his way home after his years of exile on San Juan Fernandez.

Hainan is also known to the British Navy, which has had many a hard fought encounter with pirates, who preyed on shipping from the rocky lairs of the dangerous coasts.

The existence of the island is first acknowledged in history by the Chinese in the years 245-210 B.C.

About 100 years afterwards, Lu-Po-Teh, the Chinese general, brought a huge force over in junks to subjugate the islanders. He found people totally different from the Chinese. Their eyes were not oblique, their skins were copper-coloured. They had high cheek bones, were almost beardless, and had long black straight hair.

Lu-Po-Teh's men used their swords against the bows and arrows of the aborigines, led by their lop eared chief. When the island was conquered, the Chinese divided it into two main provinces—Tan-Urh (or Drooping Ear) in the south, and Chu Yai (or Pearl Shore) in the north.

TO-DAY three distinct races are found in Hainan. They are the Chinese immigrants, civilised aborigines, or Shu-Li, and the wild aborigines in the remote unexplored interior, known as Sheng-Li, totalling in all 2½ millions souls in a land about the size of Belgium.

Kublai Khan reconquered Hainan later, the inhabitants of which have always resisted, especially in the south, Chinese soldiery.

In 1680, a courageous Jesuit priest, Benoit de Mathos, went to the island. He found the natives with curious customs, many of which continue to-day.

"Dry" mourning is the fashion in Hainan. It is "not done" to cry at a funeral. Sorrow is displayed by swallowing huge quantities of raw meat, the coffin is a hollow tree trunk, and, after the body has been put in, the mourning procession is preceded by a native who strows eggs in its path. When an egg does not break, that is the burial spot.

Father de Mathos also for

blood feuds, which exist also plentifully to-day among the aborigines. Blood feuds descend from father to son. Revenge is a sacred duty.

There are numerous Christian graves on Hainan.

IN 1875 the island was ceded to Portugal, but the Portuguese returned it to China. An island, so frequently visited by earthquakes and with such a dangerous coast, was of little use to them.

Rice, cotton, sugar and indigo are cultivated along the coastal regions and in the north. The island is also noted for a very early-flavoured tea, which the inhabitants call "Celestial" tea, and its popular cattle, among them albino buffaloes.

It will be something new for the inhabitants to handle bags of cement for the Japanese. The invaders are reported to have conscripted all civilians and to have begun building large aerodromes.

A PERMANENT Japanese occupation of Hainan would constitute a permanent threat to Hongkong, French Indo-China and trade routes to Australia and the Far East.

Indeed, because of its strategic situation, it has been termed the "Minorca of the Far East," and like Minorca's Port Mahon, Hainan has an excellent naval harbour, Yu-Ling Kang, which was used by the Russian Imperial Fleet on its way to fight the Japanese fleet.

All the principal centres of French Indo-China are dominated completely from Hainan. It is only 260 miles from Hanoi, 480 from Saigon and 500 from the new French naval base of Camran Bay.

JAPANESE AIR bases on Hainan would bring Hongkong, Manila and Singapore within reach of bombers while, as a submarine base, Hainan could scarcely be excelled for our Far Eastern trade routes.

So important is the island to the security of French Indo-China that China agreed with France in 1897 never to cede the island to a third Power, and Britain has repeatedly last year warned Japan that occupation of Hainan by Japanese forces could give rise to undesirable complications.

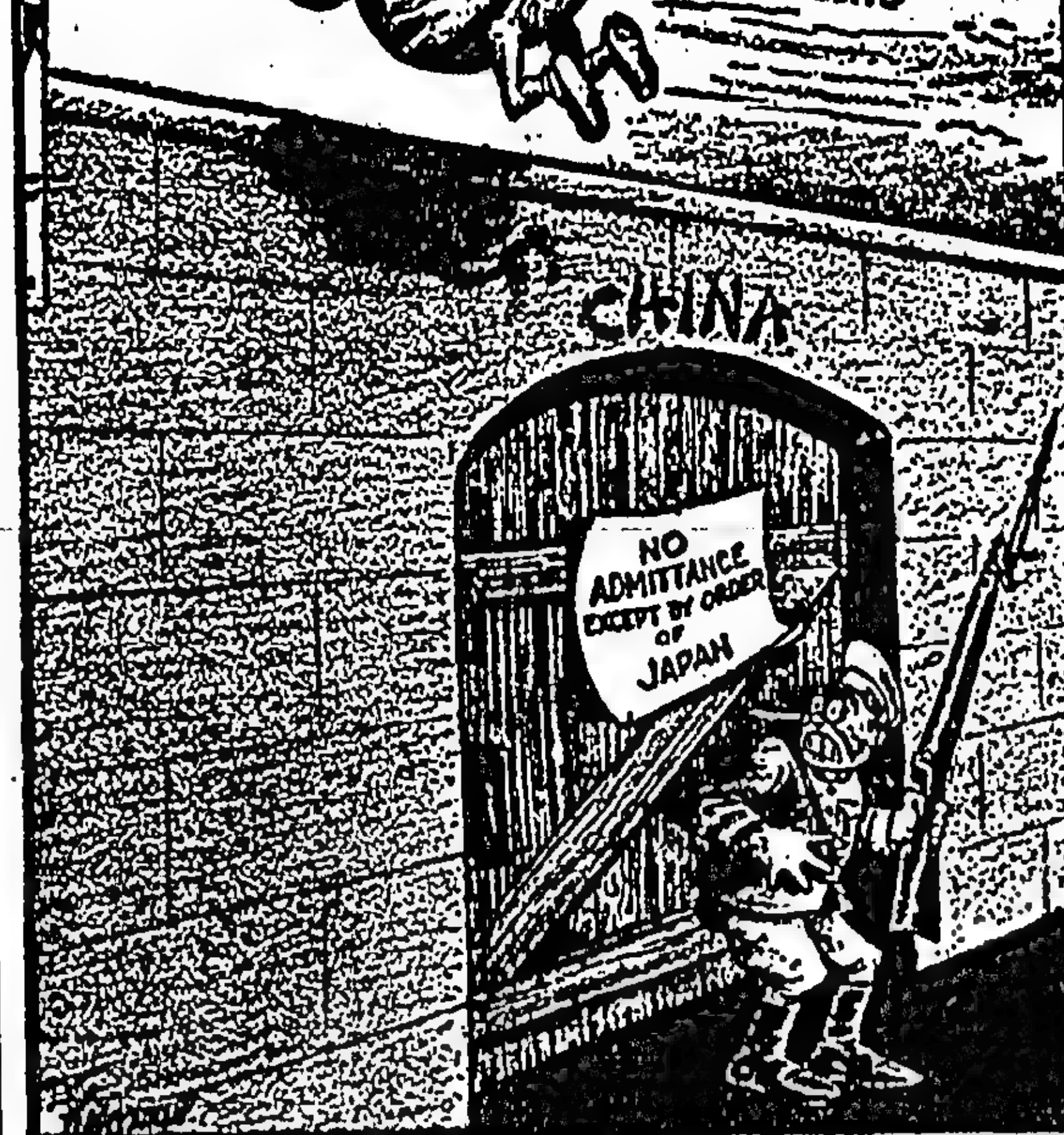
Hainan is the latest pawn in the Japanese effort to obtain non-intervention in China by the Western Powers. With a "Japanese" Hainan, Japan can

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TILLIE TAKES A
LETTER

 by
N. B. W.

THIS RAW AND misty morning Tillie, as she skims the broad and whitened steps of the V.B., has something of the aspect of a slightly enraged kitten, her rounded little chin sunk into the cosy depths of her fur, dark blue eyes smouldering. Tillie's maternal desire to scratch and bite has been fired by the appearance upon an already overburdened wall of another couple of glaring but plaintively worded entreaties from the management, the silkiness of which does not by any manner of means deceive:

"Will residents please . . ."
 "Members are again reminded that . . ."

POSSIBLY TILLIE'S conscience pricks as regards the use of current (toast can be made by various clandestine methods). Anyhow, her equilibrium has been entirely unbalanced by a scrambled breakfast, itself necessitated by the customary nerve-exhaust-

more easily exert pressure on France to cease munitions traffic on the Tonkin-Yunnan railway between French Indo-China and China.

JAPAN HAS given an assurance, the sincerity of which is negated by outspoken statements by her military leaders, that the occupation of Hainan is not permanent.

But the fate of this Minorca the Far East seems likely to depend, like Minorca nearer Britain, on what effective action Britain and France, with possibly the United States, can take to remove a dire threat to their interests.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Don't you find it awfully monotonous doing nothing in school all day?"

ing manoeuvring for a chance at a bathroom.

But she trips off, dangerously inattentive to the needs of passing traffic, down the hill and office-wards.

Up in the lift she goes, with a pleasant "Good Morning!" to the skinny little operator; even her temporarily feline mood sweetens before the wide and impish grin of the sloppily-uniformed little mannikin.

"Hallo, lasses and lads! Anybody here?"

"No, Til, Jimmie's not here and Ponto won't be—come to Mincio—ponies, I bet—can't be refugees." "Oke!" and she disappears into the attenuated dressingroom, flings off her outside gear, dabs a pert and upturned nose; and so to work.

Off with a clatter comes the cover of the Underwood, yesterday's dust is perfunctorily blown off.

She gazes disconsolately at the flimsy basket.

"Just as soon as I get these things spread out all over the place, somebody will want something you'll see."

"Well, they've got to be done, let's do them together."

The two girls proceed amicably to sort their letters into order, inconspicuously chatting—and this manoeuvre required a considerable rearrangement of elbowroom.

"Bzz-Bzz!"

"There! I told you so. Paris, is it for you or for me? ME!"

"All right, Til, I'll get on with it and scare interlopers away."

SCARE INTERLOPERS AWAY.

TILLIE SNATCHES notebook and pencil, casts a glance into the diminutive wall-mirror, and trims into the inner partner's well-found and comfortable office.

"Morning, Miss Tebborough. Must get down to it to-day. . . . Want to write to that chap, Peterson first. 'John Peterson, Esq., 540'."

Oh! here you are, take his letter. 'John Peterson, Esq., Dear Sir, we are in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, and note that you are unable to say note with regret please come to terms with the local Company full stop'."

"There-a-lin!"

"Hallo! Eddystone speaking. No, sorry can't be done. Sorry. Love to the Missus. What? Right-o?"

"Where did we get to? Better read it, please."

"Well, done so, disentangling and diplomatically omitting the various interjections. She has been endeavouring to recall the pedantic admonitions of the 'efficiency' exercises—always appear interested in the subject at hand' (is she expected to take an interest in these semi-confidential, family affairs?). 'Don't stare vacantly out of a window when writing to a girl in dot'."

"Thank! Um-er. . . . Company—come to terms with the local company with regard to the fitting up of the new factory full stop. You will remember that he doesn't that the latest report states—"

"(Continued on Page 5.)"

RECORD R.A.F. ESTIMATES INTRODUCED: £250,000 A DAY

Aircraft Production Shows 400 Per Cent. Increase Since 1938

LONDON, MAR. 9. INTRODUCING THE AIR ESTIMATES, TOTALING £205,000,000 IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, THE AIR MINISTER, GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATED THE GROWTH OF THE AIR FORCE.

He disclosed that the present figure was twelve times greater than in any year from 1929 to 1934, and double the aggregate of expenditure on the three defence services for the financial year of 1932-33.

This year's increase of £74,000,000 in the air estimates equals the total defence estimates for 1913.

The biggest single item is £93,000,000 for aircraft and balloons. Thirty-five R.A.F. companies, and an auxiliary territorial service for women were being formed.

INCREASED PERSONNEL
It was expected that the air force programme would necessitate a further 20,000 in personnel this year. It was proposed to increase the total personnel to 102,000. Greater progress than anticipated had been made in the construction of stations and factories, and extension of the balloon barrage scheme. The appeal in June for 31,000 pilots, observers, airmen and boys during the present financial year had been excellent, and the figure was passed last week (Cheer). The quality of the recruits was excellent.

RESERVE FORCES
The estimates included provision for reserve flying and auxiliary forces. Thirty-three centres had been formed in urban areas, and it was hoped to organise 20 more in the coming year. It was decided to extend the reserve flying and training organisation overseas, and he hoped it would be possible to form sections, for example in Malaya, Hongkong, and East Africa to enable local residents to qualify for the volunteer reserve.
Referring to the balloon defence scheme, the Minister said that the barrage in London could now be operated should the occasion demand. He hoped that all other barrages throughout the country would be completed by the end of the year.
The civil air guard had over 1,400 members possessing flying licences, and 3,800 undergoing flying training. The standard of airmanship was higher than ever before. By April 1, the number of first-line aircraft at Home would reach 1,750.

30 SQUADRONS OVERSEAS
There were now thirty squadrons established overseas, and seven more were to be formed in accordance with the programme to increase the overseas strength to 500 first-line aircraft.

Referring to new aircraft, Sir Kingsley Wood said that the British bomber and fighter forces were the best in the world. They had not abandoned traditional reliance on the value of counter-offensive as an essential element of strategy.

A powerful striking force was not only a strong deterrent to attack, but a vital component in any sound system of air defence.
The developments of recent years had reduced the supremacy of the offensive, and had added to the strength of the defensive in the air, but that did not mean that they could rely for defence on fighter aircraft and ground defences alone. All the eleven factories established under the shadow scheme were now operating.
Sir Kingsley Wood announced a new development in the organisation of aircraft production. Three or four firms would be formed into a group and orders placed for one type of aircraft to be distributed among this group, which facilitated large-scale planning and ordering, and would also reduce dislocation that might result in a war if one of the manufacturers was unable to continue production. It would also reduce the number of designs.

INCREASED PRODUCTION
Production was proceeding on a rapidly increasing basis. Britain was now spending £250,000 daily on the production of aircraft alone, and that figure would rise still further, added Sir Kingsley Wood.

The Air Minister recalled that in November he estimated that by next year's output would show a 400 per cent. increase over May, 1938. He was now hopeful that the increase would be achieved by the end of the present year.
In conclusion, he emphasised that the estimates were unprecedented, but necessary, as they believed them to be one of the best means of preventing war. They looked forward to the time when reasonable and sane courses would prevail throughout the world.—*Reuter*.

NO LIBERAL LABOUR OPPOSITION
In the House of Commons, neither

Mr. Hugh Dalton, nor Sir Hugh Wood, objected to his estimate on behalf of the Labour and Liberal parties, though they criticised his statement in detail.

They both expressed concern whether the rate of expansion of British air power was yet sufficient in face of Germany's rate of expansion. Mr. Dalton also doubted if the taxpayers were getting full value for their money, and spoke of profiteering.
In this connection the Secretary for Air had announced in the course of his speech that in view of the results of a special investigation, it appeared desirable to modify in some respects the terms of the present agreements with aircraft manufacturers, and the aircraft industry had invited a well-known accountant, Sir William McClintock to undertake an immediate review of the operation of the agreement.—*British Wireless*.

CURRENCY RESTRICTION

Last-Minute Change In Japanese Plan

PEIPING, MAR. 9. A LAST-MINUTE change in the plan to make the old national currency illegal in North China was from March 11 was made to-day.

The "Provisional Government" has announced that from March 11, North China would be divided into two zones for currency purposes, a Federal Reserve zone and a "Bandit" zone.
The Federal Reserve zone is limited to eleven towns in Hebei, Shanxi, and Honan, including Peiping, Tientsin, Tsingtao, and Chefoo, in which people found carrying old currency would be liable to a fine and property confiscation after March 11.
The order says that circulation of the Federal Reserve currency would be extended to other places as the Japanese military operations extend.—*Reuter*.

Appropriation Of Oil Wells

Negotiations In Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, MAR. 9. MR. RICHBERG, representative of foreign oil concerns in negotiations with President Cardenas regarding compensation for the expropriation of foreign oil property, made a statement to-day after a second conference with President Cardenas.

The statement reveals that the different methods of arriving at a solution of the expropriated oil fields in dispute were discussed.
Mr. Richberg will meet President Cardenas at 8 p.m. to-morrow, after meeting Senor Majera, the Mexican Ambassador, to Washington to-morrow morning.
To-day's discussion was continued in the same amicable spirit, said Mr. Richberg, adding: "I feel that further progress was made."—*Reuter*.

Yugo-Slav Tribute To Britain

Belgrade, Mar. 9. M. Cincarmarkovich, the Yugo-Slavian Foreign Minister, paid a remarkable tribute to Britain in the course of a debate in Parliament to-day, when he said:
"The magnificent efforts of the British Government, made with such perseverance in the cause of general peace and appeasement are followed by our Government and the whole nation. Our sincere and earnest desire is that these noble efforts in the future, as in the past, will be crowned with success."
The statement was loudly cheered by all sections of the House.—*Reuter Special*.

MADRID BOMBED BY LOYALIST PLANES!

(Continued from Page 1.)

and erected barricades near Canillejas in order to intercept these reinforcements.
Other troops of General Miaja are said to be marching on Madrid from Valencia. Some of the troops are reported to be already in firing distance of the capital, and to be bombarding the Communist positions in the immediate vicinity of the city.
Another report says that General Franco has decided to hasten his offensive against Madrid in view of the growing chaos there.—*Trans-Ocean*.

BLOCKADE OF COAST

London, Mar. 9. The British Government's attitude to General Franco's blockade of the Spanish coast on the Mediterranean was outlined to-day by Viscount Halifax when replying to the debate on Spain in the House of Lords.
He said that the text of the note announcing the blockade, of which the Government had advised all British shipping, contained no indication of any action against shipping outside territorial waters, and the Government assumed that such action was not contemplated.
He wished to make it plain that if action was taken outside of territorial waters, His Majesty's Government would be obliged to resist such action as had been done, in the past.

SERIOUS MATTER

He must also make it perfectly clear that the Government would regard as a very serious matter the sinking of a British merchantman even within territorial waters, especially if due warning had not been given and adequate steps taken for the safety of the crew.
His Majesty's ships had been instructed to give all necessary protection to vessels which might be the objects of such attacks and to retaliate even inside territorial waters against any submarine taking such an indefensible action.—*Reuter*.

TO WRITE MEMOIRS

San Sebastian, Mar. 9. According to a Burgos report, ex-President Manuel Azana succeeded in taking a considerable amount of documentary material out of Spain, which will be used as an illuminating background to the former President's memoirs.
It is said that much of the material is compromising evidence against the former Premier, Dr. Negrin and his close friends.—*Trans-Ocean*.

ULTIMATUM

London, Mar. 9. The Exchange Lisbon correspondent reports from Burgos that General Franco has not received any offers of peace negotiations from Madrid.
He is resolved, therefore, to order 300 Nationalist planes to fly over the city and drop ultimatum leaflets declaring that if Madrid is not surrendered immediately violent bombardments of all places where Republican forces are concentrated will be carried out within 24 hours.—*United Press*.

FRENCH REACTION

Paris, Mar. 9. Since France has recognised the Nationalist Government in Spain it is felt at the Quai d'Orsay that there is nothing to be said against the blockade of the Republican Spanish coast within Spanish waters by the Franco warships.
However, there is cautious expression of opinion about such cases in which vessels sailing under foreign flags, for example French merchant steamers, which attempt to reach Republican ports and are sunk without warning by the Nationalist fleet.
A report was circulated to-day that a French merchant steamer, loaded with foodstuffs had been sunk on the Republican Spanish coast by Nationalist warships, but officials circles could not confirm this.—*Trans-Ocean*.

BRITISH SHIP RUNS BLOCKADE

London, Mar. 9. The Spanish Relief Committee reports that the British ship *Stangate*, with a cargo of foodstuffs, successfully ran the Franco blockade, and is now unloading in Valencia harbour.
It is stated that a British warship intercepted the voyage to warn the *Stangate's* captain of the blockade.—*Reuter Special*.

REBELLION SPREADS

Burgos, Mar. 9. It seems clear from messages reaching here that the Communists are making a determined bid to overthrow General Miaja, not only in Madrid and Valencia, but in other cities.
Murcia, Jaen and Ciudad Real are mentioned, but it is reported that the *Miaja* junta holds the upperhand in these cities.
Chaos is apparently reigning in Madrid, and it is believed here that the Nationalist offensive on the capital is now not likely to be long delayed.—*Reuter*.

U.S. Credits For Brazil Close Economic Collaboration

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9. AN EXCHANGE of notes calling for close economic collaboration has been made between the United States and Brazil, signed by Mr. Cordell Hull and Senor Aranha.

The two countries agree in freeing the Brazilian exchange market for commerce from the United States, the establishment of a Brazilian National Bank, and the resumption of payments on Brazil's dollar debts. The United States Exports and Imports Bank will extend credits not exceeding \$10,000,000 to the Bank of Brazil to enable the Brazilian Government to discontinue official control over foreign exchange operations. At the same time, the State Department announced that President Roosevelt would recommend that Congress place at Brazil's disposal gold up to \$50,000,000 to serve as assets for the Central Reserve Bank which Brazil was creating. The amount drawn upon would be from Brazil's future production of gold.
Senor Aranha announced that Brazil intended to resume payments on her dollar debts starting in July 1.—*Reuter*.

Boxer Indemnity

74 CONTRACTS FOR BRITISH MATERIAL

LONDON, MAR. 9. THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Chinese Government Purchasing Commission was held this afternoon in the Chinese Embassy, when the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi presided in the presence of Sir Ralph Wedgwood, Mr. A. R. Guinness, Mr. C. A. McEuen, Lord Riverdale, and C. C. Wang.

A happy spirit of optimism prevailed at the meeting, and the Ambassador was warmly congratulated on the completion of the currency stabilisation fund.

Although the Commission's purchases in the past year were much curtailed by the war, 74 contracts were placed to the total value of £182,034.
These were mostly of an interesting nature, such as £25,000 worth of telegraph and telephone equipment for development in South-West China, and in the latter half of the year a £30,000 order was placed for railway equipment, and negotiations opened for rails and material for the Burin-Yunnan railway.

TOTAL £5,266,783
Since the Commission began operations in 1931, its purchases in Britain total £5,266,783. Administrative expenses amounting to £48,439, or 18s. 9d. for every £100. These expenses were covered nearly four times by investment profits.
At the close of the year the total sum of £78,993 stood to the credit of the Commission's current account and fixed deposits.

The Commission was instrumental during the past year in placing 43 Chinese students with British engineering and shipbuilding firms for practical training.—*Reuter*.

German Reaction To Speech

Berlin, Mar. 9. An inspired statement regarding Mr. Here Belsham's speech yesterday, declares that Germany is less interested in the facts of British rearmament than in the mentality which appears to express itself by the speech.
It is regarded as peculiar that Britain announces preparations for the transport of 10 divisions to France, seeing that Germany does not entertain aggressive intentions towards France, and it is known to have any aggressive intentions towards

Oxford Sets New Trial Record

London, Mar. 9. The Oxford boat-race crew enhanced their prospects of beating Cambridge again this year, when to-day they set a new record in a trial row from Chiswick Steps to Barnes Bridge, which is one mile and 822 yards in distance.
They did the row in three minutes 40 seconds, beating the previous best by no less than four minutes.—*Reuter*.

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HINT OF NEW TAX

Bond Restrictions In England

LONDON, MAR. 9. THE NEWS that official notices have been sent to importers restricting withdrawals of ex-bond tea, sugar and tobacco, is regarded in City circles as a pre-Budget measure, but prominent interests are of the opinion that the notices do not necessarily anticipate increased taxation.

On the contrary, possibility of one or other of these commodities coming in for increased taxation is in no way ruled out.

It is also possible that the restriction may have been imposed as a precautionary measure to safeguard consumers against unwarranted speculation in connection with the Budget.

It is held likely that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, realising the burden of armaments are so far borne exclusively by the higher income groups, may consider the time has come when the population at large should be made to share the cost of the country's defences.

Consideration of this kind may cause Sir John Simon to tax some of the more widely consumed commodities.
Tea circles are not unduly perturbed, expressing confidence that tea will not be chosen for additional taxation.

Nevertheless, "Reuter" understands that a deputation from the Tea Traders Association is at present endeavouring to clarify the position at a conference with the authorities.—*Reuter*.



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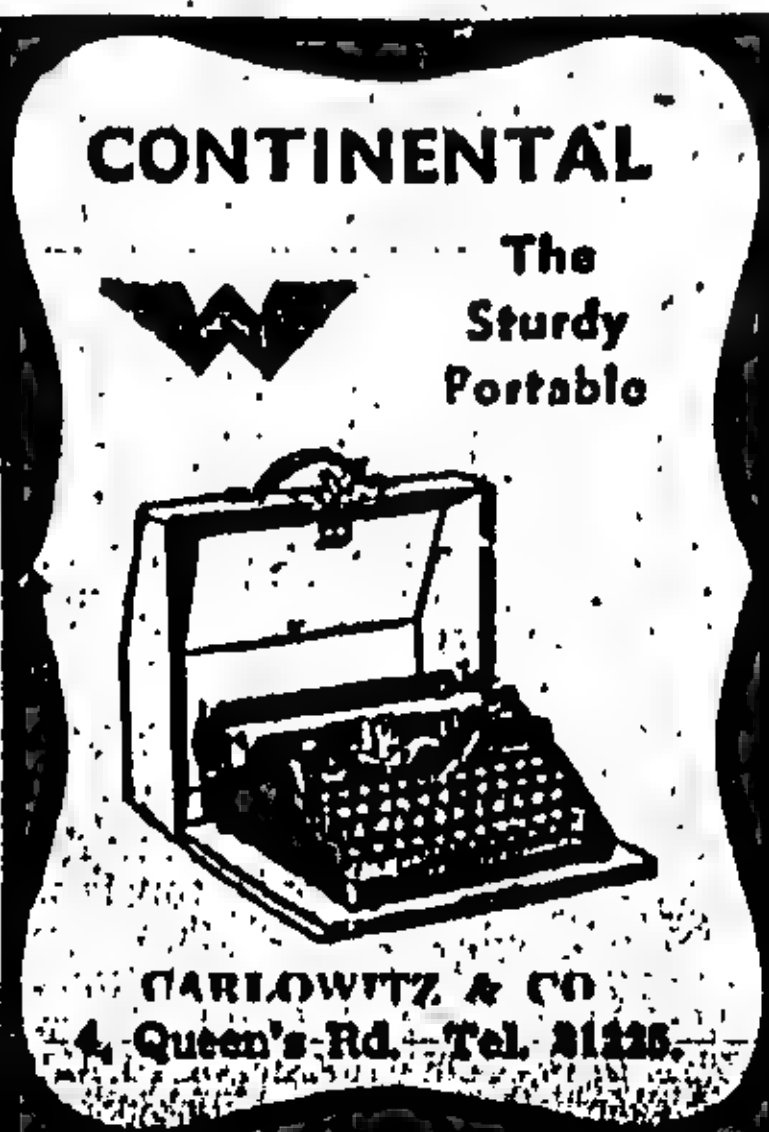
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Y.W.C.A. APPEAL

Joint National And Local Association Campaign

For the first time the Hongkong Branch of the Y.W.C.A. and the National Association are having a joint campaign for funds in Hongkong. The goal for the campaign is \$10,000, which will be divided, \$10,500 to Hongkong and \$5,500 to the National Association. There will be twelve teams with some 150 women working on the teams. The presence in the Colony of a number of national committee members makes it possible to have four national teams, and eight local teams. Dr. F. C. Woo, O.B.E., treasurer of the local Y.W.C.A., and Mrs. Huang Siu-feng, past chairman of the national committee, are the two campaign chairmen. The campaign opens to-night with a dinner of for workers.

The Hongkong Y.W.C.A., is a self-supporting organization. Its work is not dependent on funds from abroad or from any other part of China. It does however bring to the notice of the community each year its programme and activities and ask for financial support. This year March 10 has been set as the opening day of the finance campaign. The goal is higher than usual both because of additional activities undertaken by the Y.W.C.A. and because the campaign is being held in conjunction with the National Y.W.C.A. The latter organization consists of a Committee elected by all the local Y.W.C.A.'s throughout the country. It has its headquarters in Shanghai, and is responsible for general policy and problems which concern, not one individual Y.W.C.A. but the National Movement as a whole. A staff of trained and experienced secretaries is employed to carry out this work. In the present emergency situation the National Y.W.C.A. has been called on to undertake special work, and it has therefore been necessary to explore other sources of revenue. One result is this joint campaign.

The Hongkong Y.W.C.A., recognising the needs of the national organization and understanding the value of its work to the country, has generously consented to this arrangement. From members and friends of the Y.W.C.A. in other parts of China who are now living in Hongkong, additional teams of workers have been organized. The funds raised by the campaign will be divided between the Hongkong Y.W.C.A. and the National Y.W.C.A. in the proportion of 2 to 1, care being taken that the Hongkong budget difference is made up before there is any division of funds.

Report of Work

A report has been issued of the work of the Hongkong association, showing that regular work has been going on side by side with much emergency work. Endless hours have been given by the members to making hospital supplies, quilting coats, warm underwear and to knitting. Money has been raised in all kinds of ways, including very successful thrift boxes which are collected monthly. The association has made an effort to discover and carry out work needed by the masses of refugees in the city, putting groups of specially trained young women in the camps for welfare and educational work.

Regular work has expanded because in these days of stress the needs of girls and women are many. Nearly every one has problems exaggerated by the present situation. The hostel is overflowing, and personal problems absorb long hours of secretaries' time. Students come for relief funds. Clubs and classes help hold morale high. Even in time of war, youth looks to the future and leadership must be trained. Co-operation with many new emergency organizations is a necessary contribution to life to-day.

With the present shift in population towards the west and south-west there have come many requests for Y.W.C.A. work in new centres. In response, secretaries have been sent in to survey interior cities and to talk over with residents the possibilities of developing Y.W.C.A.'s. The policy is that such work shall be self-directing and self-supporting from the beginning, but prevailing conditions make it impossible for some local centres to raise funds for the work. The National Y.W.C.A. has therefore made grants on a diminishing scale to such new Y.W.C.A.'s both for the salaries of secretaries and for programme activities, until such time as an

appeal—for support—can be made locally. Both in Kunming and in Kweichow, new Y.W.C.A.'s have been organized during the last year, and both have received grants from the National Committee.

None in Siam

In some centres, such for instance as Siam, it has not been possible to organize a Y.W.C.A., but a local committee working with a secretary has developed an emergency centre. The programme in Siam fell under three heads, (1) student relief work was carried on, students who were unable to continue their studies were helped to find work, and in many cases trained for work in refugee camps and for other kinds of service; (2) in refugee camps, educational classes and recreational activities were carried on by the Y.W.C.A. among women and children until the camps were broken up and the refugees sent on; (3) families of soldiers at the front were registered with the Y.W.C.A. and occupation found locally for several hundred families. Welfare work was carried on among the children. Special privileges such as free tuition in school and free treatment at hospitals was obtained for all registered families.

With communications as difficult as they have been during the last year, special efforts have to be made to maintain work. This can be done by increasing the national service among the local Y.W.C.A.'s and by arranging for more travel and visitation by national secretaries.

The funds of the National Y.W.C.A. must be augmented to meet the demands on the budget made by this travel. In many of the local Y.W.C.A.'s there are emergency secretaries supported by the National who are carrying on programmes of student relief, refugee work, and educational class for both city and rural women.—Contributed.

Bomb Found On Railway Track

London, Mar. 9.
The timely discovery of a bomb on the railway lines in the London suburb of Sarsden, about 50 yards off an iron viaduct, prevented a new outrage by terrorists yesterday. The bomb was fitted with a time fuse and, if it had exploded, it would have destroyed not only the lines but also the electric cables of two power stations in the vicinity. Last evening's papers did not mention this latest attempt, probably in order not to frighten passengers using this line which is usually overcrowded in the evening hours. Special police from Scotland Yard have been busy combing the London districts chiefly inhabited by Irish people for traces of the perpetrators.

LATE NEWS

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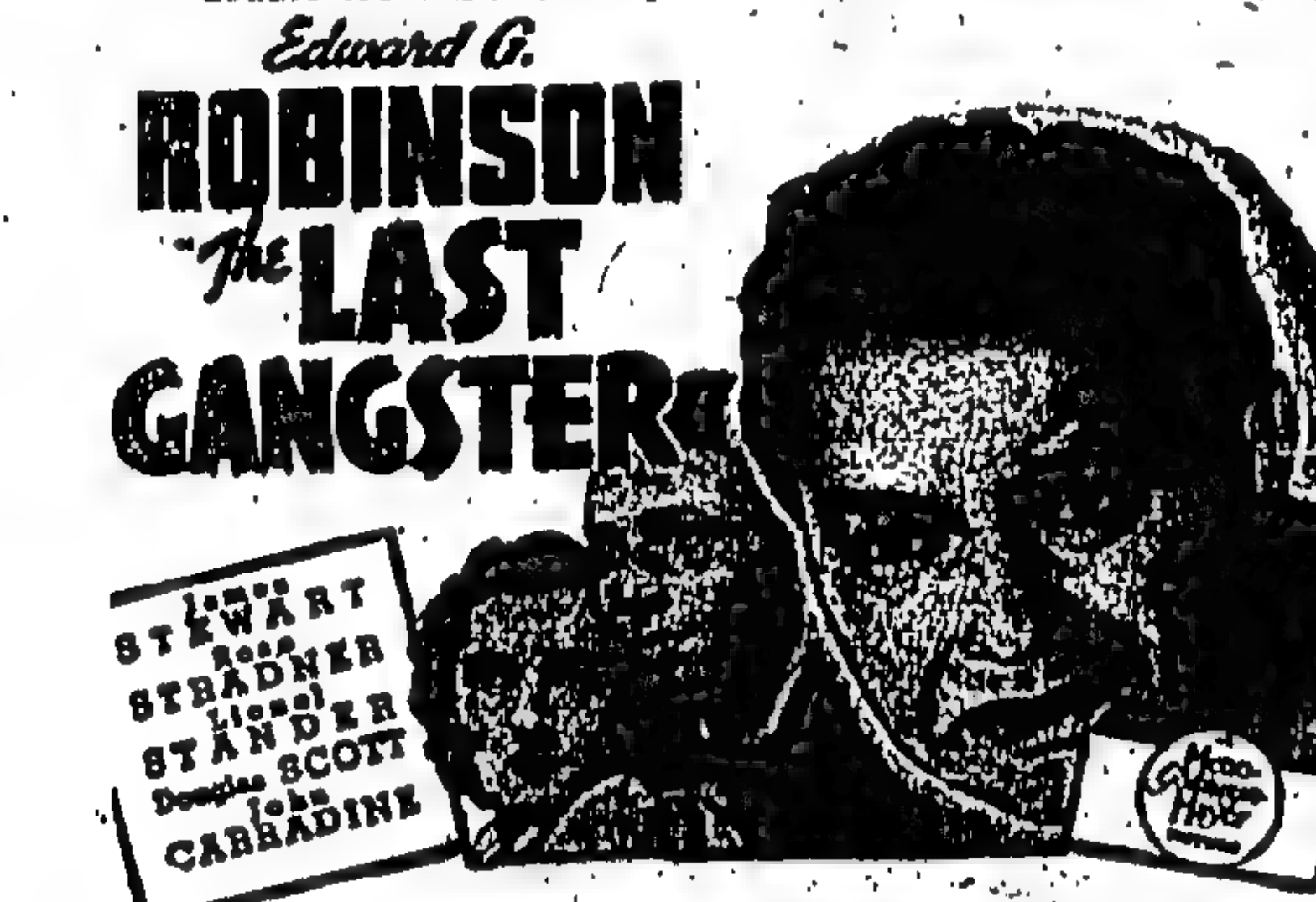
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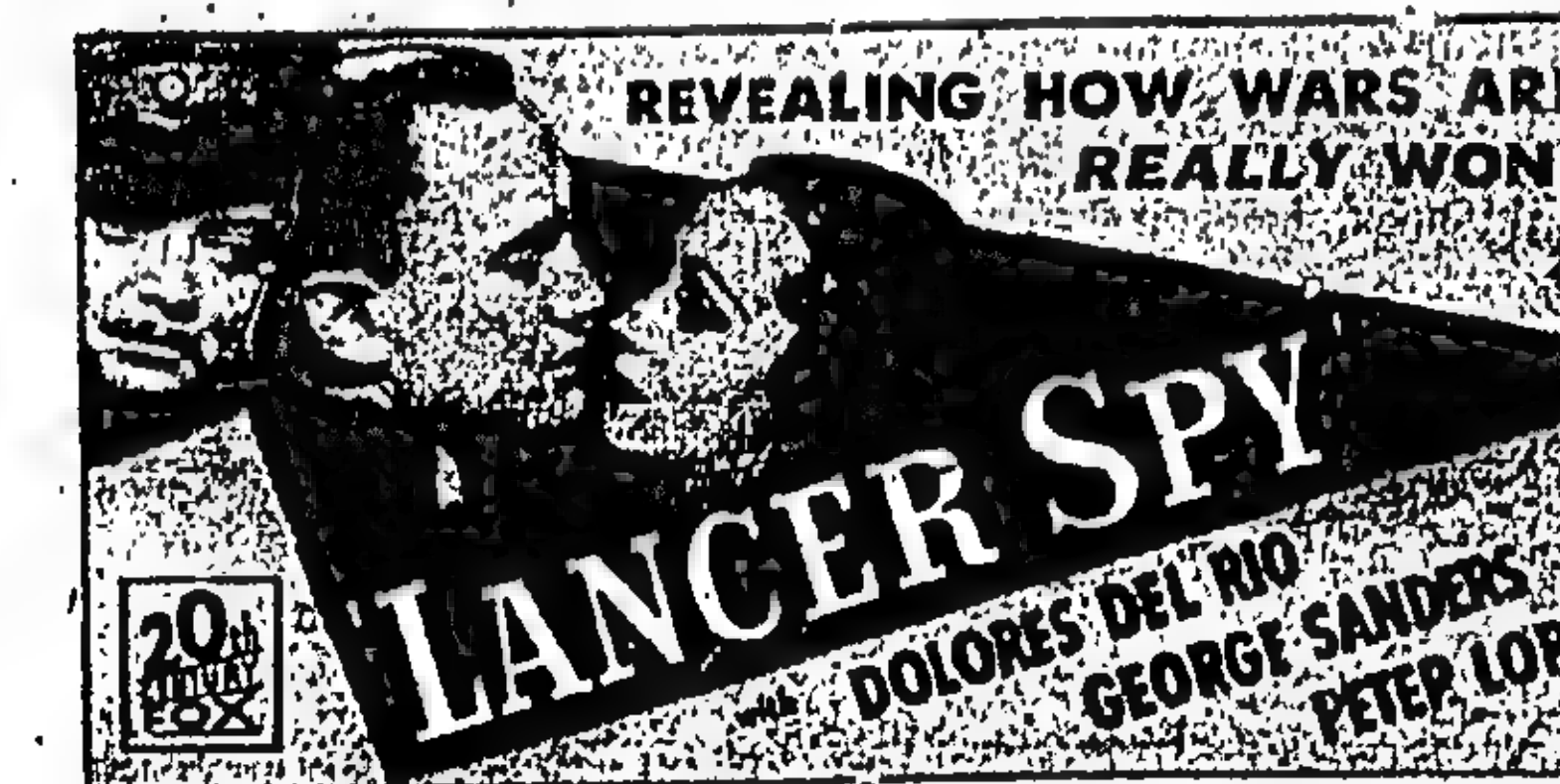
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EMPIRE DEFENCE
Conference Called By
New Zealand
Wellington, Mar. 9.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Michael Savage, has confirmed that a defence conference, attended by representatives of Britain, New Zealand and Australia, will be held very soon.—Reuter Bulletin.

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DEATH BLOW TO FOREIGN TRADE IN NORTH CHINA

Loan To China

CHINESE PRESS IS JUBILANT

ANNOUNCEMENT of the subscription of \$5,000,000 to the joint currency stabilization fund for China by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Chartered Bank is greatly welcomed in the local Chinese Press.

The *Tu Kung Pao* declares in its leader this morning that the political significance of the British loans to China is far beyond their financial or economic importance. The British loans, says the paper, in further strengthening the convertibility of Chinese currency for foreign trade transactions, are directly strengthening the fighting power of China in her present war of resistance.

In comparing the introduction of the law by the Japanese Government yesterday to the Diet aiming at the inflation of Japanese bank-notes, with announcement of the British loans to China, the paper asks which indicates the symptom of defeat.

Pointing out that the present Sino-Japanese hostilities have come to the stage that economic struggle is more vital than military operation, the *Sing Tao Jih Pao* states that the repeated British and American financial assistance to China should make the Japanese militarists understand now the chance "to beat China to kneel on her knees" is fading farther and farther away.

While unanimously acknowledging the British financial support, the vernacular papers however urge the British Government to double and intensify her pressure against Japan in order to obtain an early and just settlement of the Far Eastern conflict.

Great Britain must take more positive actions against the increasing Japanese invasion of China and the unbalanced environment on British rights and interests in the country, in addition to loans to China, appeals the *Tu Kung Pao*.

"As a penalty for her aggression and for common interests of China and Great Britain, we hope the British Government will take up sanctions with other Powers, which have interests in the Far East, against Japan in accordance with the League resolution, so that the principles of the Nine-Power Pact which were reiterated in the American and British notes to Japan in December and January last may be fulfilled," concludes the paper.

Effect Of New Exchange Regulations

SHANGHAI, Mar. 10.

FOREIGN TRADE in North China will receive a death blow with the invocation of the new Japanese sponsored exchange regulations to-morrow bringing parts of North China within the Manchukuo-Japan yen bloc.

The new regulations outlaw the official Chinese currency which the Japanese sponsored Peiping Provisional Government's Federal Reserve notes are replacing.

The latter are practically worthless in international exchange, therefore North China trade will be reduced at least to a barter basis.

However, additional export and import restrictions designed to benefit Japan's wartime economy are expected to make possible foreign traders' dealing with either North China importers or exporters.

The effectiveness of the Japanese measures in excluding foreign trade has been proven in Manchukuo—and more recently in Chefoo and Tsingtao which served as a preliminary North China testing ground and where foreign business has already been successfully halted.

The Japanese-sponsored restrictions are in direct defiance to the British, French and American protests against the same measures when they were experimentally applied in Chefoo and Tsingtao last year.

They will mean an annual loss of United States trade estimated at \$50,000,000. All exchange transactions must be negotiated through the Yokohama Specie bank.

AMERICAN PROTESTS

When this system was introduced in Tsingtao last year the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, protested to Tokyo on October 6.

"Control of foreign exchange transactions gives control of trade and commercial enterprise and its exercise, either directly or indirectly, by the Japanese authorities if the exchange control in North China should place those authorities in the position, will greatly impede free competition between Japan and the United States in that area," he said.

Mr. Hull lodged a similar protest, but in vain, on December 31. The new restrictions are not only a deadly blow to foreign traders but also to foreign banks which hitherto have been mainly engaged in foreign exchange.

The regulations arbitrarily set the value of the Federal Reserve notes at 24.25 compared with the present legal Chinese currency rate of 80, which is consequently disastrous to foreign exporters, particularly on outstanding contracts on which they face a 75 per cent. loss.

In an editorial to-day, the American owned "Shanghai Evening Post" says: "The issue is now clearly up to the Western Powers. Will they accept this knock-out blow from China's invaders or the illegal 'puppet' regime subject to the invaders' will? If they are, then the foreign trade position is hopeless. None can possibly survive under such treatment which is contrary to treaty stipulations and every principle of fair play. Here, decidedly, is the test whether the Western world intends to see their trade vanish under a policy of futile protests, or take some sort of stand firm enough to give traders a fighting chance."

Germans' Antarctic Discovery

Berlin, Mar. 9.

The discovery of about 135 square miles of the Antarctic Continent is reported to have been made by Captain Ritscher, the German Polar explorer and airman, who left Hamburg for the Antarctic aboard the Luftwaffe motorship *Schwabenland* in December last, with 80 men, including scientists, explorers, airmen, and mechanics.

The land is stated to be situated between 5 deg. West and 15 deg. East longitude, and extends inland to about 75 deg. South latitude.

It was thoroughly explored from planes, including mountains of over 3,500 feet, and a central Polar mass of over 4,700 feet.

The *Schwabenland* is returning and has passed Cape Town. While the *Schwabenland* was en route to the Antarctic a Norwegian decree was published on January 14 claiming Norwegian sovereignty over a large stretch of the Antarctic Continent, including the part now explored by Captain Ritscher, but Germany claims that this part has never been stepped on or even flown over by Norwegians. — *Reuter Special*.

Gambling Monopoly In Canton

Canton, Mar. 10.

After keen competition, a big Chinese syndicate, known as the Yip Shing Company, is officially announced to have succeeded in securing the gambling monopoly for Canton, bids for which were recently invited.

The amount offered for the monopoly is not disclosed. In accordance with the new regulations of the Peace Preservation Committee, gambling houses will in future, be only allowed to operate in five specified districts, including Honan Island and Taiho Road, scene of one of the city's largest loot markets. — *Reuter*.

Disarming By Whole World Is Envisaged

LONDON, Mar. 9. THE possibility of discussions by the Powers regarding disarmament is being canvassed in political circles in view of the improvement in the international situation.

It is felt that if the differences between Italy and France can be resolved—and there is no reason to believe they are incapable of settlement in a friendly manner—then the atmosphere would be favourable for such an attempt.

The effects of achieving even a limited agreement as regards disarmament would, it is believed, tend towards a further improvement of the general international situation, with the restoration of general confidence which would favour revival of international trade.

As regards trade, it is pointed out that the forthcoming visit of Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, to Germany is regarded here as a matter of some importance, as are also the present talks between British and German industrialists. — *Reuter Special*.

Czecho-Slovak Army To Be Reorganised

Sweeping Changes Are Indicated

Prague, Mar. 9.

Czecho-Slovakia is about to complete the reorganisation of her army. Sweeping changes are being made in the high command, rendered necessary by the reduction in the size of the country. The plan adopted, according to the newspapers here, is to divide the Army into three groups, corresponding with the racial divisions of the federal territory.

This would mean that Slovakia and possibly Ruthenia would be allowed to have their own national armies, but with retention of the Supreme Command for the whole Czecho-Slovakian Army in Prague.

One of the major problems arising out of this reorganisation is that of finding employment for the large number of officers of all ranks who will have to leave the army. It is intended to transfer these persons to the civil service. Some of them will be placed in charge of the labour battalions, while others will attend special courses to be trained for a new vocation. — *Trans-Ocean*.

CHUNGKING OFFER TO S'HAJ JEWS

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

Leading member of the Chinese Propaganda Department, and biographer of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Hollington Tong, in a telegraphic message addressed to the Shanghai Jewish Committee from Chungking, has made the proposal that Jews should settle in the Northwest and South-west provinces of China.

About 4,000 to 5,000 Jews would be affected. Since, however, in the districts mentioned, agriculture is the main occupation, and Jews are not particularly adapted for this work, the Chinese proposal will not perhaps be feasible. The Shanghai Jewish Committee has not yet answered the proposal. — *Trans-Ocean*.

Patrols Out In Tientsin

Tientsin, Mar. 10.

British troops are patrolling the Concession perimeter here in anticipation of acts of terrorism coincident with the Japanese change in the regulations. The situation is quiet, but tense. — *United Press*.

Franco's Good Faith Questioned In Lords

LONDON, Mar. 9.

IN THE COURSE of his speech in the House of Lords replying to the debate on Spain raised by Lord Snell, who criticised the Government's policy as having favoured General Franco throughout, the Foreign Secretary referred to the suggestions made by Lord Snell and others, that assurances given by General Franco as to the future independence of Spain were worthless.

Lord Halifax said everyone in Great Britain attached importance to the maintenance of the independence of Spanish territory. His Majesty's Government took the view that assurances on this point had been given in good faith and would be fulfilled in good faith.

"I do not hesitate to say," added Lord Halifax, "that if the contrary ever proves to be the case, then a very serious situation will arise."

But the Spanish people were a proud race which would not mortgage the independence or integrity of their country to any foreign Power.

The Foreign Secretary also announced, in connection with Spanish refugee camps in south-eastern France, that he had just heard that the French Government would welcome the assistance of the British in helping to maintain the refugees through the agency of the British Red Cross Society and that the British Government would accordingly make a substantial grant to the Society for that purpose. — *British Wireless*.

Bitter Attack On America

Berlin, Mar. 9.

Wint is regarded in American circles as one of the bitterest attacks ever launched on the United States by a responsible German, was made before the German Academy by General Wilhelm Faupel, Ambassador to Nationalist Spain in 1937.

Declaring that the one danger confronting Latin America is the United States, General Faupel added that the Lima conference was a grand-scale attack on the totalitarian States generally, and the Reich in particular.

He demanded wholesale German counter-propaganda.

The Monroe Doctrine, General Faupel insisted, speaking in the sharp military tones of a Prussian general, was nothing more than the claim by the United States for the domination of the Western Hemisphere.

Its history was "one vast catalogue of imperialistic designs on other peoples." — *Reuter Special*.

Imperial Airways Plane Damaged

London, Mar. 10.

The Imperial Airways flying-boat *Carpentaria*, flying from Britain to Australia, was damaged in a collision with a Chinese junk while moored on the river at Bangkok.

It is learned from Imperial Airways in London that the *Carpentaria* will be taken out of the normal service pending minor repairs.

PASSENGERS FROM AUSTRALIA

The following Passengers arrived from Austr this morning by the s.s. *Tipling*.

Mr. N. Brandel, Mr. C. W. J. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cotterall, Mr. A. H. Fenwick, Mrs. M. Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Grace, Lieut. F. R. Hoehel, Mr. R. E. Holden, Mrs. E. L. Longfield-Lloyd, Miss C. Lingo, Miss M. G. Ming, Mr. S. Chunglum, Mr. G. Palmer, Miss E. Paredez, Mr. J. G. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Thompson.



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Franconia On Round The World Trip

COMING TO Hongkong on her eleventh round-the-world cruise, s.s. Franconia of the Cunard White Star, Limited, is scheduled to arrive here at the end of the month. She will be the second tourist ship to come to Hongkong during the year's cruising season, the first being the s.s. Empress of Britain of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited, now in port.

The Franconia is coming from New York by way of Port of Spain, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Capetown, Port Elizabeth, Durban, Zanzibar, Mombasa, Port Victoria, Bombay, Colombo, Belawan, Penang, Singapore, Puknam, and Taurane. Japanese ports as well as Shanghai have been omitted due to the war between Japan and China. From Hongkong the ship will continue her journey, visiting Manila, Batavia, Semarang, Bali, Kupang, Port Darwin, New Caledonia, Suva, Nukualofa, Pago Pago, Apia, Honolulu and from there to Hilo, thence direct to San Francisco, Balboa, Cristobal and New York.

The "floating hotel" has on board more than 200 tourist passengers, from Europe, Africa, and North and South America. The passengers include university professors, millionaires, businessmen and philanthropists.

Following is the list of passengers on the Franconia: Wilfred C. Abbott, Mrs. Abbott, G. F. Allen, Mrs. Allen, Andrew P. Alvord, Miss Sadie American and Mrs. A. P. Averey. Mrs. Floyd E. Badger, H. P. Baines, Miss Eleanor S. Barker, Thomas Sharples Barlow, Mrs. Barlow, Calvin P. Bentley, Mrs. Bentley, Miss Clara Belle Bentley, Douglas Birnie, Dr. William H. Blanchette, Mrs. Blanchette, F. C. Block, F. J. Bhor, Mrs. Bhor, Mrs. Sarah M. Bosworth, Thomas Bradley, Miss Katherine Bragaw, Roy E. Brown, James H. Browne, Mrs. Browne and Mrs. E. M. Butterfield.

George Winthrop Cable, Mrs. C. L. Cable, Miss Rena R. Caldwell, Mrs. P. J. Carlton, Rev. J. B. Cherry, George A. Chrisman, Mrs. Chrisman, Mrs. Harriet A. Cochran, Miss Hester Colbath, Mrs. Grace Collins, Miss Clara M. Coombs, G. W. Copland, Mrs. A. E. Covell, Velle Cowles, Miss Maud Eleanor Craine, Mrs. Hazel S. Criswell, Miss Albert Crutcher, Miss Jane Culbertson and Mrs. W. N. Cusance.

Miss Sarah Davidson, Dr. E. Mettler Davis, W. M. Doulin, Mrs. E. A. Doyle, Mrs. Arthur Drake and Miss Helen J. Durgin. Herbert Eldridge, Miss Anne Elizabeth England, Mrs. Richard Estbrook and Mrs. G. A. Evans.

Mr. Fenwick, Miss Margery Fife, Miss Marion Fife, Mrs. M. E. Foster, Mrs. E. M. Francis, Miss June Freeman, Mrs. Vanda A. French, Frederick Fries, George C. Fullinwider, Mrs. Fullinwider, Dr. Roque Hector Fumasoni and Dr. Rogelio Cesar Fumasoni.



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New Ice-Cream Invention

LEIPZIG, Mar. 10.
THE PROBLEM of retailing ice-cream through automatic machines, which has hitherto puzzled inventors, has at last been solved by the invention of a machine called "Trestomatic Ice Cream Automatic Machine" made by the Berlin firm of Richard Hirschman, and displayed at the Leipzig Spring Fair for the first time, after having been used in the streets of Berlin for over 18 months without arousing special attention.—Trans-Ocean.

Traffic Offenders In Court

Complaints Against Bus Drivers

SEVERAL TRAFFIC offenders were summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Two bus-drivers were each fined \$10 on a complaint laid against them by Mr. J. E. Kotwall for obstruction at the junction of Electric Road and Watson Road, Causeway Bay, on February 19.

Mr. Kotwall told the Court that it had been the practice for some time of the drivers to leave their buses in the middle of the road after they had finished their work. Complaints against this practice had been made, but on February 19 when he was coming out of Watson Road he found he could not get through. He requested the people to remove the buses but they refused.

Traffic Sergeant T. McInnes said that the place in question was insufficient to park the buses, but negotiations were now going on between the Government and the Bus Company for a more suitable site.

The defendants, Tse Kau and Chan Shik-siu, pleaded guilty. Summons for failing to maintain his motor van, in a proper state of repair, D. A. Jones, of the Asia Company, was fined \$20.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on Lo Yee-wo on a summons for failing to report to the Police a collision between his car and another car at Connaught Road Central on February 20.

Acting Sub-Inspector S. J. Clarke said the accident was not serious and the defendant was no more at fault than the other driver.

Seaman Sent To House Of Detention

John Malynoux, 42, unemployed seaman, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with being a vagrant in the Colony, and was committed to the House of Detention.

It was said that he missed his ship in January, as he wanted to go to hospital, and when he was discharged yesterday, he was found in Des Voeux Road Central, to be without means of subsistence.

British Marine Shot Dead

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
W. E. Clementson, Royal Marine attached to H.M.S. Dorsetshire, was found shot through the chest in a house in Avenue Joffre, French Concession early this morning.

He died in hospital seven minutes after being discovered.

A revolver was found beside the body, and apparently he committed suicide.

British naval authorities stated that an inquest would be held this morning.—United Press.

BRITISH SOLDIER FOUND DEAD

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
Another dramatic discovery was made this morning in Shanghai, when Sergeant Edward Hopkins of the Royal Army Service Corps was found dead from a revolver wound at Ash Camp.

He had apparently committed suicide, although the inquest has not yet been completed.—United Press.

London, Mar. 9.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons to-day that the President of the Board of Trade would introduce the Cotton Re-Organisation Bill into the House next week, indicating that the Government was determined to re-organise the cotton trade on "price-fixing" lines.—United Press.

EMBEZZLED LETTER TO GET STAMP

Young Philatelist In Court

A YOUTHFUL philatelist went to the extreme in his methods of acquiring stamps, and eventually appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with having embezzled a letter which he collected from General Post Office Box No. 30, the property of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, of Hollywood Road.

Detective-Inspector A. L. Hopkins told the Court that Pun Yiu-chi, 18-year-old servant boy, was employed by the paper, and he was sent to collect letters from the General Post Office, yesterday morning.

On his way back to the office, Pun stopped outside the King's Theatre, and tore off the stamps from a letter, and discarded the envelope. This was picked up by Sub-Inspector Bux, of the Police Reserve, and brought to the G.P.O.

Enquiries were made, and Pun was arrested. Inspector Hopkins added that the sole aim of Pun's actions were to get the stamps.

His Worship agreed with the prosecuting officer's suggestion, and bound Pun over in \$20 to be of good behaviour for a year, as Mr. Shum Wai-yung, the manager of the paper, was not going to dismiss Pun.

If you want stamps, you must acquire them in a legal way," his Worship warned Pun.

Generous Gesture By Prosecutor

Asked For Charge To Be Withdrawn

BECAUSE he found out that his friend, whom he had charged with pawning his steel guitar without his consent, had a job, Jack Kwok, a salesman, asked Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning to withdraw a charge against Ng Kin-hung, 26, an actor. This was refused.

Defective-Sergeant T. Wall said that Ng borrowed the guitar from Kwok three weeks ago, and when asked to return it, he admitted of having pawned it. Ng told the Court that he would redeem the instrument.

He was bound over in \$25 to be of good behaviour for a year.



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No. 70 P.	50s	1.60
No. 70 R.	50s	1.50
FAVOURITE	20s	-.80
EXTRA FINE	50s	1.85
EXTRA FINE	20s	-.90
No. 70 L.	50s	2.15
No. 70 L.	20s	1.15
No. 70 L.	50s	2.75
QUEEN MARY	20s	1.00
QUEEN MARY	50s	2.40
FIRST KING	20s	1.25
FIRST KING	50s	2.00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

TOMBOLA at the Filipino Club, every Sunday at 11 a.m. Members please note the annual meeting will be held the same day at 3 p.m.

FOR SALE.

GIANT ZINNIA SEEDS have just been received. Ask for our summer list. The Clover Flower Shop.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS

H.K. Bank \$	1,430 b.
H.K. Bank Lon. \$	91 n.
Chartered \$	91 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. \$	27 3/4 n.
Mercantile, C. & E. \$	13 n.
East Asia \$	85 b.

INSURANCES

Canton \$	225 b.
Union \$	400 b. and su.
China Underwriter etc. \$	50 n.
H.K. Fire \$	105 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$	69 b.
Steamboats \$	15 n.
Indo-China, P. \$	60 n.
Indo-China, D.S. \$	22 n.
Shell Bearers \$	30 1/4 n.
Waterboats \$	9 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$	120 sa.
Docks (old) \$	17 1/2 b. and su.
Docks (new) \$	17 b.
Providents (old) \$	8 1/2 n.
Providents (new) \$	8 1/2 n.
New Knt. Sh. \$	105 n.
Sh. Dock, Sh. \$	105 n.

MINE

Kailan s/-	107 1/2 n.
Rauha s/-	8 3/4 b.
Venz: Goldfield \$	3 n.
Hongkong Mines etc. \$	5 n.
Antamoks Pa. \$	4 1/2 sa.
Aloks Pa. \$	20 1/4 sa.
Bungio Cons. Pa. \$	13 1/2 sa.
Hongkong Cons. Pa. \$	44 sa.
Con. Mines Pa. \$	403 sa.
Demonstrations Pa. \$	13 sa.
I.X.L. Pa. \$	67 sa.
Gumaus Pa. \$	225 sa.
Suyee Cons. Pa. \$	21 sa.
Paracales Pa. \$	70 sa.

LANDS

Hotels \$	0.70 b.
Lands \$	30 1/2 b.
Lands 4% deb. \$	107 1/2 n.
Shal Lands Sh. \$	9 3/4 n.
Humphreys & (s.d.) \$	8 1/2 n.
H.K. Rentals \$	4.80 n.
Chinese Estates \$	100 n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$	17 b.
Peak Trams (old) \$	8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	4 n.
Star Ferries \$	0.74 n.
Y. Ferries (old) \$	23 1/2 b.
Y. Ferries (new) \$	22.70 n.
China Lights (old) \$	8.85 b.
China Light (new) \$	0 sa.
H.K. Electric \$	50 1/2 b.
Maeco Electric \$	17 1/2 b.
Sandakan Lights \$	22 1/2 b.
Telephones (old) \$	7.30 n.
Telephones (new) \$	7.30 n.
Tractions s/-	23 1/2 n.
Tractions (Prof.) s/-	23 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIAL

Cald: Macg. (ord.) \$	14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pro.) \$	13 n.
Chanton Ices \$	13 1/2 n.
Cement \$	4.65 n.
H.K. Ropes \$	4 b.

STORES, &c.

Dairy-Farms \$	20 1/2 n.
Watsons \$	8 sa.
Lane Crawfords \$	8 n.
Sinceres \$	13 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$	42 b.
Powell, Ltd. \$	90 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$	16.40 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$	105 n.
Zoong Sings, Sh. \$	24 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$	42 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments \$	7 b.
Constructors \$	13 n.
Vibro Pilling \$	0.34 b.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	69 1/2 n.
G.S. Bonds	69 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2% par. b.	105 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4 1/2% par. b.	105 n.
Marsmans (Lond.) s/-	10 1/2 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4.11 n.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS THROUGH REUTERS:

Antamok	44 1/2
Isak	28
Isagato	20 1/2
Baiong Bay	62 1/2
Benquet	15 1/2
Big Wedge	34
Coco Grove	44
Cons. Mines	13 1/2
Demonstration	15
I.X.L.	67
Isagato	20 1/2
Ison Mining	33
Mambulo Cons.	19 1/2
Maeco Cons.	17 1/2
Mine Operations	13 1/2
North Samarines	68
Paracales Cons.	70
San Mauricio	225
Surigao Cons.	21
Suyee Cons.	21
Syndicate Invest.	0.43
United Paracales	70

The following is Swan Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila market was quiet with most stocks unchanged from yesterday's close. However, several issues registered gains from fractions to 1 centavo. Surigao Consolidated was off 1 1/2 centavos. Benguet Consolidated was off 10 centavos. Yesterday's Manila was unchanged.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

NOTICE.

Any person who had witnessed the accident which occurred on the 4th of this month at 3.15 p.m. in Nathan Road when a boy, 14 years of age, riding a bicycle was knocked down and killed by Lorry No. 5053 will please communicate with Mr. B. F. Neng of No. 168, Jai Tan Street, 1st floor, Shamshuipo, Kowloon.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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General Managers, The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1939.

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Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary and Manager.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 9.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
March (1939)	8.05/05	8.07/05
May (1939)	8.26/26	8.28/26
July (1939)	8.03/03	8.13/14
Oct. (1939)	7.59/59	7.69/69
Dec. (1939)	7.56/56	7.65/65
Jan. (1940)	7.57/57	7.65/65
Spot		9.10 N

The last Notice day for March Cotton is March 17th.

New York Rubber

	16.74 N
March	10.80/80
May	10.72/72
Sept.	10.71/71
Dec.	10.71/71

To-day's Sales 1,240 tons.

The last Notice day for March Rubber is March 20th.

Chicago Wheat

	0.74/074	0.71/071
May	0.74/074	0.71/071
July	0.74/074	0.71/071
Sept.	0.74/074	0.71/071

Wednesday's Sales: 0,877,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

	48 1/2/48 1/2	48 1/2/48 1/2
May	48 1/2/48 1/2	48 1/2/48 1/2
July	48 1/2/48 1/2	48 1/2/48 1/2
Sept.	48 1/2/48 1/2	48 1/2/48 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

	0.64/064	0.61/061
May	0.64/064	0.61/061
July	0.64/064	0.61/061
Sept.	0.64/064	0.61/061

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	4123	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4123, Adjacent to Kowloon Road, Tai Kok Tsui.	as per sale plan.	About 5,164	\$6	\$15,552

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	420	Rural Building Lot No. 420, South of Rural Building Lot No. 353, Mount Cameron Road.	as per sale plan.	About 22,400	\$243	\$2,558

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at North Point, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	5482	Inland Lot No. 5482, Adjacent to Inland Lot No. 5378, North Point.	as per sale plan.	About 6,400	\$118	\$6,400

G. R.

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INSURANCE CLAIM

Hearing Of Suit Against China Underwriters

Suggestions that some of the items in the order books were altered to tally with the sale price, were made by Counsel for the defence at the Supreme Court yesterday, when the hearing of the insurance claim against China Underwriters, Ltd., was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Plaintiffs are the Cheong Sing Hong firm, and they claim \$30,000.23 from defendants, being the rateable proportion to be borne for the loss of a quantity of sea-food through a fire in January, 1938.

The case is a test one in which several insurance companies are interested.

The defence is that out of the 137 items set out in the claim, 127 are fraudulent, and benefits under the policies are, therefore, forfeited. It is further alleged that some of the goods had been charged at rates higher than the market prices, and that the weight and price book had been altered.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara appear for the plaintiffs firm on the instructions of Mr. E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co. The defendants are represented by the firm, Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marton, of Deacons.

Wong Yun-tong, managing partner of the plaintiff firm, who had already been in the witness-box for almost a week, was further cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada, and he denied that the claim items were put at a figure higher than the market price.

Asked to explain why large tins of awabi were in the godown at the time of the fire and not the small ones, as they were shipped together, witness said the smaller tins had been sold as they were cheaper.

Certain Erasures

Further questioned, witness denied there had been any alterations in the order books after they had been examined by defendants, but agreed that certain erasures had been made

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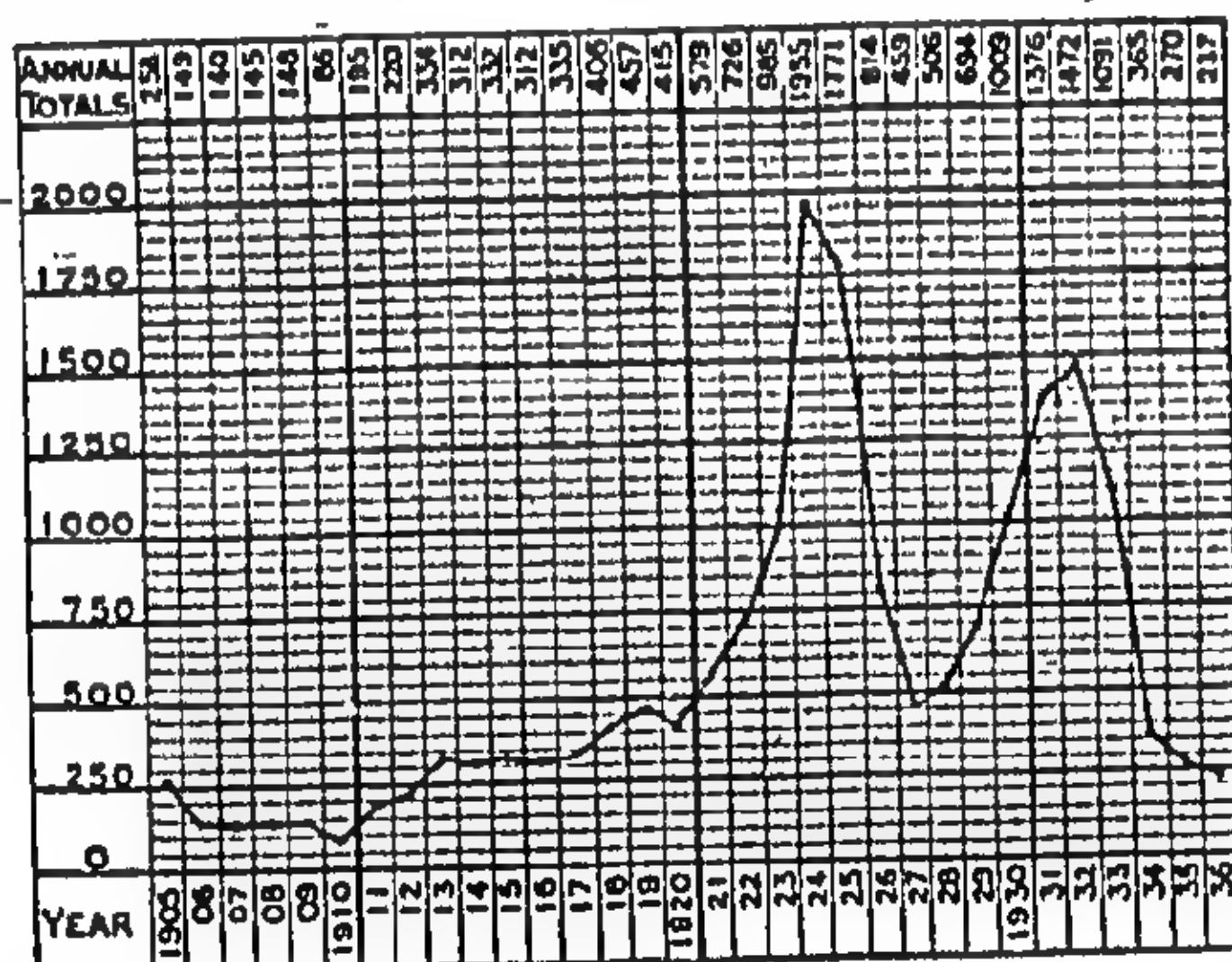


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Air Raids

THIS newspaper respectfully but firmly disagrees with a morning contemporary which attacks as ridiculous the Government's plans for mass evacuation of the population to the New Territories in the event of an emergency. The efficacy of evacuation has been proven beyond all doubt in Spain and in China.

An enemy is not going to waste expensive bombs on refugee camps when there are more fruitful objectives, and the parts of Hongkong that will suffer will be the overcrowded tenement areas on the island and mainland.

Since, as Wing Commander Steele-Perkins admits, there is no method of protecting these tenements from bombers, the obvious course is to empty them.

Our contemporary attacks the plan on the grounds that it cannot be carried into effect unless a fleet of liners is to be employed to convey the island population across the harbour, unless ample food-kitchens are to be available at short notice, and unless an army of robots is to be trained to carry on the work of the Colony. We are in a position to reveal that a fleet—not of liners but of launches and other smaller ships—is available to carry civilians across the harbour at a moment's notice, and that plans have been prepared for over twelve months for setting up camps and food kitchens to care for refugees. Finally, the Government plans do not envisage a complete evacuation of population, but an evacuation of that part of the population not engaged in essential services.

We believe that, in following the examples of Spain and China in arranging for evacuation in times of emergency, the Government is acting wisely. But at the same time we intend to go on demanding deep shelters and tunnels as the only adequate method of protection for that considerable part of the population which will have to remain in the built-up areas. We know that they are expensive—so is everything connected with defence—but, cheap as human life is sometimes regarded in this part of the world, it is not so cheap that everything possible should not be done to protect it.

We would suggest that some of the refugees who are costing the Government thousands of dollars a day for maintenance could be employed in helping to make the Colony a safe place to live in in war-time. It has been said that there is no point in setting an unemployed man to dig a hole in the ground. Well, now there is a point, and an urgent one.

The Harvest

THE BRITISH guarantees for a loan of £10,000,000 by Hongkong and Chinese banks for the purpose of stabilising China's currency, coming so soon on top of the recent Anglo-American credits, indicates that the democracies are no longer prepared to take the Japanese policy of economic exclusion lying down. There is every indication, indeed, that the position in China is rapidly approaching a point that bodes ill for Japan's future ascendancy. In addition to the already-announced aid from Britain and the United States, it seems possible that France will create large credits as a reply to Japan's action in invading Hainan Island, and there are also possibilities that Britain and America have by no means made their final gesture. Japan, in short, is beginning to reap the harvest of a rough-shod policy that has antagonised the nations that count.

MINORCA of the EAST

by
Harry
GREGSON

EMERGING FROM the mists like a giant tortoise with its head buried in the waves, avoided by large ships on account of its reputation for fog and sudden squalls, lies the little known island of Hainan, the occupation of which by the Japanese is a vital threat to British, French and American interests in the Far East.

Yet, although the interior of this mountainous and jungle-covered island, about the size of Belgium, is largely unexplored, it has claims to fame apart from its strategic situation.

IT HAS been referred to as "The Siberia of China," for to Hainan were banished exiles from the Chinese Empire. Among them was one of the earliest experimenters in Socialism Su Tung-Po, now the legendary hero of the inhabitants. Su Tung-Po lived during the reign of Emperor Shen-Tsung. His banishment followed differences with the Prime Minister. In three years, from 1098-1100, this early Socialist pioneer taught the people letters and court dialect and shrines to his memory are found at frequent points in the coastal districts.

In the matter of trial marriages, Hainan preceded the United States by centuries. When a youth casts his eyes on a girl whom he thinks might make a suitable wife, the parents build a bachelor house for their daughter. If the couple get on well together, they are married. If not, they part. It is claimed that marriages in Hainan are very successful.

HAINAN WAS known to Alexander Selkirk, hero of Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe," who called at Yu-Ling Kang, one of the main harbours, on his way home after his years of exile on San Juan Fernandez.

Hainan is also known to the British Navy, which has had many a hard fought encounter with pirates, who preyed on shipping from the rocky lairs of the dangerous coasts.

The existence of the island is first acknowledged in history by the Chinese in the years 245-210 B.C.

About 100 years afterwards, Lu-Po-Teh, the Chinese general, brought a huge force over in junks to subjugate the islanders. He found people totally different from the Chinese. Their eyes were not oblique, their skins were copper-coloured. They had high cheek bones, were almost beardless, and had long black straight hair.

Lu-Po-Teh's men used their swords against the bows and arrows of the aborigines, led by their long eared chief. When the island was conquered, the Chinese divided it into two main provinces—Tan-Urh (or Drooping Ear) in the south, and Chu Yai (or Pearl Shore) in the north.

TO-DAY three distinct races are found in Hainan. They are the Chinese immigrants, civilised aborigines, or Shu-Li, and the wild aborigines in the remote unexplored interior, known as Sheng-Li, totalling in all 2½ millions souls in a land about the size of Belgium.

Kublai Khan reconquered Hainan later, the inhabitants of which have always resisted, especially in the south, Chinese soldiery.

In 1680, a courageous Jesuit priest, Benoit de Mathos, went to the island. He found the natives with curious customs, many of which continue to-day.

"Dry" mourning is the fashion in Hainan. It is "hot done" to cry at a funeral. Sorrow is displayed by swallowing huge quantities of raw meat, the coffin is a hollow tree trunk, and, after the body has been put in, the mourning procession is preceded by a native who strews eggs in its path. When an egg does not break, that is the burial spot. Father de Mathos also found

blood feuds, which exist also plentifully to-day among the aborigines. Blood feuds descend from father to son. Revenge is a sacred duty.

There are numerous Christian graves on Hainan.

IN 1875 the island was ceded to Portugal, but the Portuguese returned it to China. An island, so frequently visited by earthquakes and with such a dangerous coast, was of little use to them.

Rice, cotton, sugar and indigo are cultivated along the coastal regions and in the north. The island is also noted for a very earthy-flavoured tea, which the inhabitants call "Celestial" tea, and its popular cattle, among them albino buffaloes.

It will be something new for the inhabitants to handle bags of cement for the Japanese. The invaders are reported to have conscripted all civilians and to have begun building large aerodromes.

A PERMANENT Japanese occupation of Hainan would constitute a permanent threat to Hongkong, French Indo-China and trade routes to Australia and the Far East.

Indeed, because of its strategic situation, it has been termed the "Minorca of the Far East," and like Minorca's Port Mahon, Hainan has an excellent naval harbour, Yu-Ling Kang, which was used by the Russian Imperial Fleet on its way to fight the Japanese fleet.

All the principal centres of French Indo-China are dominated completely from Hainan. It is only 260 miles from Hanoi, 480 from Saigon and 500 from the new French naval base of Camran Bay.

JAPANESE AIR bases on Hainan would bring Hongkong, Manila and Singapore within reach of bombers while, as a submarine base, Hainan could scarcely be excelled for our Far Eastern trade routes.

So important is the island to the security of French Indo-China that China agreed with France in 1897 never to cede the island to a third Power, and Britain has repeatedly last year warned Japan that occupation of Hainan by Japanese forces could give rise to undesirable complications.

Hainan is the latest pawn in the Japanese effort to obtain non-intervention in China by the Western Powers. With a "Japanese" Hainan, Japan can

As They
See It
Abroad



"WHO GOES
THERE?"

CREDITS



TILLIE TAKES A LETTER

by
N. B. W.

THIS RAW AND misty morning Tillie, as she skims the broad and whitened steps of the V.B., has something of the aspect of a slightly enraged kitten, her rounded little chin sunk into the cosy depths of her fur, dark blue eyes smouldering.

Tillie's maternal desire to scratch and bite has been fired by the appearance upon an already overburdened wall of another couple of glaring but plaintively worded entreaties from the management, the silkiness of which does not by any manner of means deceive:

"Will residents please . . ."

"Members are again reminded that . . ."

POSSIBLY TILLIE'S conscience pricks as regards the use of current (toast can be made by various clandestine methods). Anyhow, her equilibrium has been entirely unbalanced by a scrambled breakfast, itself necessitated by the customary nerve-exhaust-

more easily exert pressure on France to cease munitions traffic on the Tonkin-Yunnan railway between French Indo-China and China.

JAPAN HAS given an assurance, the sincerity of which is negated by outspoken statements by her military leaders, that the occupation of Hainan is not permanent.

But the fate of this Minorca the Far East seems likely to depend, like Minorca nearer Britain, on what effective action Britain and France, with possibly the United States, can take to remove a dire threat to their interests.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Don't you find it awfully monotonous doing nothing in school all day?"

TILLIE SNATCHES notebook and pencil, casts a glance into the diminutive wall-mirror, and trips into the junior partner's well-found and comfortable office. "Morning, Miss Textborough. Must get down to it to-day. Want to write to that chap, Robertson first. 'John Robertson, Esq. RAN—Oh! here you are, take his letter. 'John Robertson, Esq. Dear Sir, We are in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, and note that you are unable to say now with respect please come to terms with the local Company full stop paragraph.'"

"Eyes-a-line!"

"Hullo! Eddystone speaking. No, sorry can't be done. Sorry. Love to the Missus. What? Right—o'."

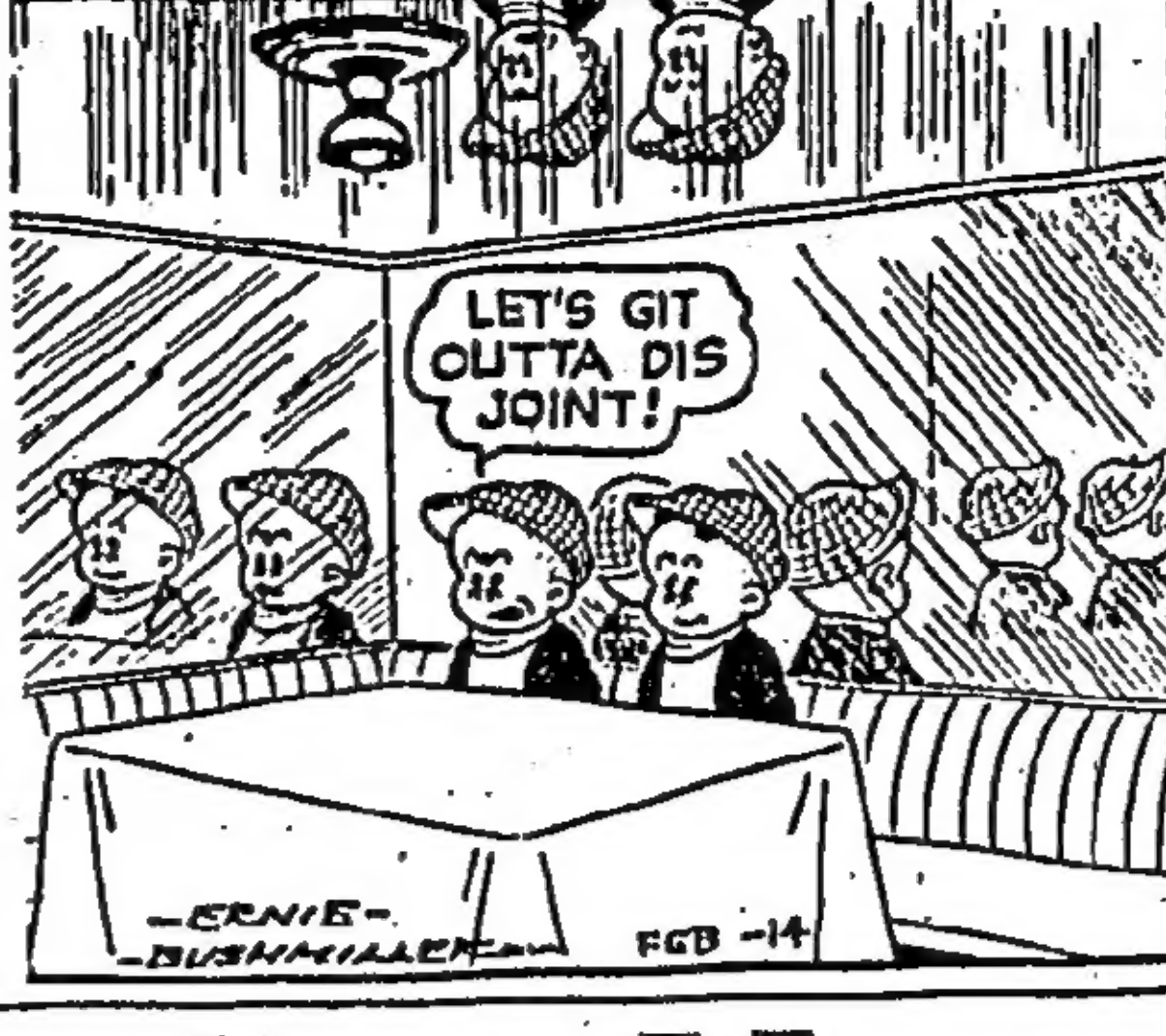
"Where did we get to? Better read it please."

Tillie does so, disconcerting and diplomatically omitting the various interjections. She has been endeavouring to recall the pedantic admonition of the "Efficiency" experts—'always appear interested in the subject at hand' (is she expected to take an interest in these semi-confidential, family affairs?) "Don't stare vacantly out of a window when a hiatus occurs in the dictation."

"What is a girl to do?" "Thank! Um—Eh—'Company come to terms with the local company with regard to the filling up of the new factory full stop. You'll remember (but he doesn't) that the latest report stated—better—"

(Continued on Page 5.)

NANCY



Good Entries Received For Fanling Meet

Governor's Cup The Main Race Of Day

(By "Captain Foster")

The penultimate meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, to be held at Kwanti on Sunday, has drawn very satisfactory entries. The major contest is the Governor's Cup, which is a hurdle race for China ponies, bona-fide hunters, and the winner of this main bout will receive a cup presented by His Excellency the Governor, who together with Lady Northcote will attend the meeting.

For the convenience of the racing the fact that starters must be de-public there will be a special train on the forms provided in the public at 1.00 p.m., to Fanling and return to the Racecourse at 2.15 o'clock at 1.30 p.m., to Kowloon. The Roll for the first race and for all sub-way first class return fare is \$2 in-sequent races 45 minutes before the cluding admission to the Racecourse scheduled starting time. Admission to the Public Enclosure There are six interesting races on the first is \$1 including tax and Service Men's programme and the first is in uniform are charged at half price and advertised to run off at 2.45 p.m. Attention of owners is drawn to the fact.

"Capt. Foster" Reviews Prospects Of Each Race

THE opening event will be the Lo Wu Handicap, which is a steeplechase for China ponies over a jaunt of 1 1/4 miles. Ebony Idol, the winner of this year's Grand National, has been set with the highest impact of 168 lbs. while Diogenes and Zero have been treated with liberal allowances. There is no denying that Ebony Idol is the best chaser, but with due respect to his capability I fancy Zero will turn the tables as the distance of the jump is shorter by half a mile than when they clashed in the Fanling Grand National. Diogenes is also to be considered, for in the Tai Po Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, run on Boxing Day, this blackie belonging to Mr. M. H. Turner gave Lt. Col. Dowbiggin's candidate a good wallop. However, a good race is assured.

THE last on winners of a steeplechase since January 1, has precluded the entry of Brutus (the winner of Australian Grand National) and Stratherrick for the Melbourne Cup, which is a handicap steeplechase for Australian ponies over a course of 1 1/4 miles. On the strength of her running behind Brutus in the Australian Grand National, Teviotdale is almost at the head of the assessment, but the weight adjuster has made Glorious Star a two pound better jumper. The latter has only appeared once this season and her performance in the New South Wales Handicap seems to suggest that the mare has

SELECTIONS BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

LO WU HANDICAP

Zero
Ebony Idol
Diogenes

MELBOURNE CUP

Teviotdale
Spark Plug
Glorious Star

GOVERNOR'S CUP

March Brown
Mortmain
Clowney

NEWCOMERS' PLATE

Avalon
Alpha
Pall Mall

OLDTIMERS' HANDICAP

Royal Highness
Plain View
Gold Sovereign

a good few unplaced China ponies, subscription grills of this season, have been nominated for the New-comers' Plate and it is a sprint over half mile. There are 13 entries, none of them having been placed at the Annual Race Meeting and spotting the winner is not an easy job. However Alpha, Avalon and Pall Mall are about the best among this lot. Tiger Eyes is recommended for big money.

THE Oldtimers' Handicap, which is a flat race over a mile for China ponies classified as "D" class, has attracted ten Happy Valley runners. I have been trying my level best to "get a line" on all the ponies entered for this event, but I much regret that I had to give up the search as a hopeless task, and I therefore strongly recommend punters to follow the ranking list of the handicapper. Royal Highness holds the post of honour with 138 lbs. and the mare is followed by Plain View who has to carry only 155 lbs. In my estimation Gold Sovereign is nicely weighted with an allowance of 10 lbs. under the scale weight of 141 lbs. but Good Morning looks tempting at 145 lbs. and furthermore he ran a good second in his last outing at Kwanti. Tribute must weigh out with blinkers and in the circumstances one never knows when he will be in earnest of making up his mind to run. \$5 each way is not a bad gamble.

THE last contest on the card will be a scurry (unofficial) over four furlongs for China ponies that have started at this meeting and not won. "D" class runners are barred. Readers must therefore use their own discretion owing to post entries. My selections for the first five events are as follows:



"Are there any more at home like you?" sighs Herbert Marshall to his favourite musical hall entertainer, Claudette Colbert, in "Zaza" their new picture, opening on Saturday at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. "No, not like me," answers the mischievous Claudette, who plays the famed turn-of-the-century heart-breaker in the lavish Paramount production.

Golf

Starting Times At Fanling

The following are the starting times at Fanling during the week-end:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

2.00 H. G. Sheldon, I. H. Geare.
2.04 J. O. Cotterworth, B. J. Morahan.
2.08 L. C. F. Bellamy, J. Forster.
2.12 P. Tanworth, J. B. Mackie.
2.16 C. C. Black, General Sutton.
2.20 W. Bell, T. Low.

SUNDAY

9.10 E. H. Williams, R. R. de Liesching.
9.20 D. Forbes, H. Young.
9.24 D. D. Forbes, H. Young.
9.28 D. D. Forbes, H. Young.
9.32 A. F. Lissaman, F. Groves.
9.36 A. C. L. Rickett, M. Gardan.
9.40 C. A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfarlane.
9.44 C. D. Murray, N. A. Perrin.
9.48 D. S. Hobbs, I. H. Geare.
9.52 I. F. Tanworth, F. A. M. Elliott.
9.56 E. Pavlou, A. H. Guinness.
10.00 J. A. R. Selby, H. H. Mundy.
10.04 A. and D. Humphreys.
10.08 H. Penn, J. R. Collis.
10.12 E. Laidlaw, R. J. Walker.
10.16 T. F. Watson, R. G. Everest.
10.20 R. S. Major, H. W. Heath.
10.24 C. D. N. Walker, G. R. Hiddell-Carre.
10.28 W. T. Foxall, H. F. Phillips.
10.32 H. G. Carruthers, J. L. C. Pearce.
10.36 A. D. A. Weatherbe, K. S. Morrison.
10.40 N. L. Evans, S. C. Felham.
10.44 H. Gregory, L. M. S. Lloyd.
10.48 G. C. Worrall, E. T. McMullen.
10.52 H. Woodman, J. Harrop.
10.56 P. Welch, D. I. Bosquet.
11.00 K. S. Robertson, L. Jackson.
11.04 W. C. Sheehan, H. N. Williamson.
11.08 C. Young, D. H. Clark.
11.12 P. Hunter, T. Pearce.
11.16 W. A. Smalley, O. Eager.
11.20 W. A. Smalley, O. Eager.

New Course

9.20 J. M. Pearson, A. C. Wheeler.
9.24 H. P. Pearson, A. C. Wheeler.
9.28 Mrs. Shirley, Mrs. Bell.
9.32 W. J. Richards, H. S. Rees.
9.36 Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Murray.
9.40 H. C. and Mrs. Millett.
9.44 W. G. L. Dunbar, L. R. Andrews.
9.48 Mrs. Tyrer, H. G. Sheldon.
9.52 C. J. Clackett, J. W. Mayhew.
9.56 T. F. Watson, R. G. Everest.
10.00 Mrs. Major, J. H. B. Lee.
10.04 N. P. Fox, J. G. Cotterworth.
10.08 Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Baines.

ATTACHE CASE LOST

LT-CDR. J. N. N. Synnott, R.N., of H.M.S. Birmingham, has reported that he lost an attaché case containing books and papers while travelling between Hart Avenue and the Kowloon Ferry Wharf on Wednesday.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) powerman-attendant-pontifical-pontif-attendant-aspargus.

Czechs Win Table Tennis Championships

Cairo, Mar. 9. Czechoslovakia won the Swaythling Cup for men's national teams at the World's Table Tennis Championships held here, being undefeated.

Yugoslavia was second with one defeat and England third with two defeats.

Eleven countries competed, these being England, France, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece, India, Palestine, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Egypt and Luxembourg.

Hungary, winner of the 1938 championships, did not defend her title. Trans-Golan.

Huddersfield Win F. A. Replay

London, Mar. 9. In the F. A. Cup replay to-day, Huddersfield, playing away, defeated Blackburn R. by two goals to one.

Roitham, also playing away, beat H. by 2-0 in the northern section of the Third Division League. -Reuter.

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PILLOWS require consideration surely, for a plump, well-filled, comfortable pillow helps to ensure a restful night's sleep.

Here are some points to watch—See that your pillow—ones fit well. Pillows nearly always feel limp and uncomfortable in a too-loose case, and hard in a tight one. Measure the pillows before buying their new cases.

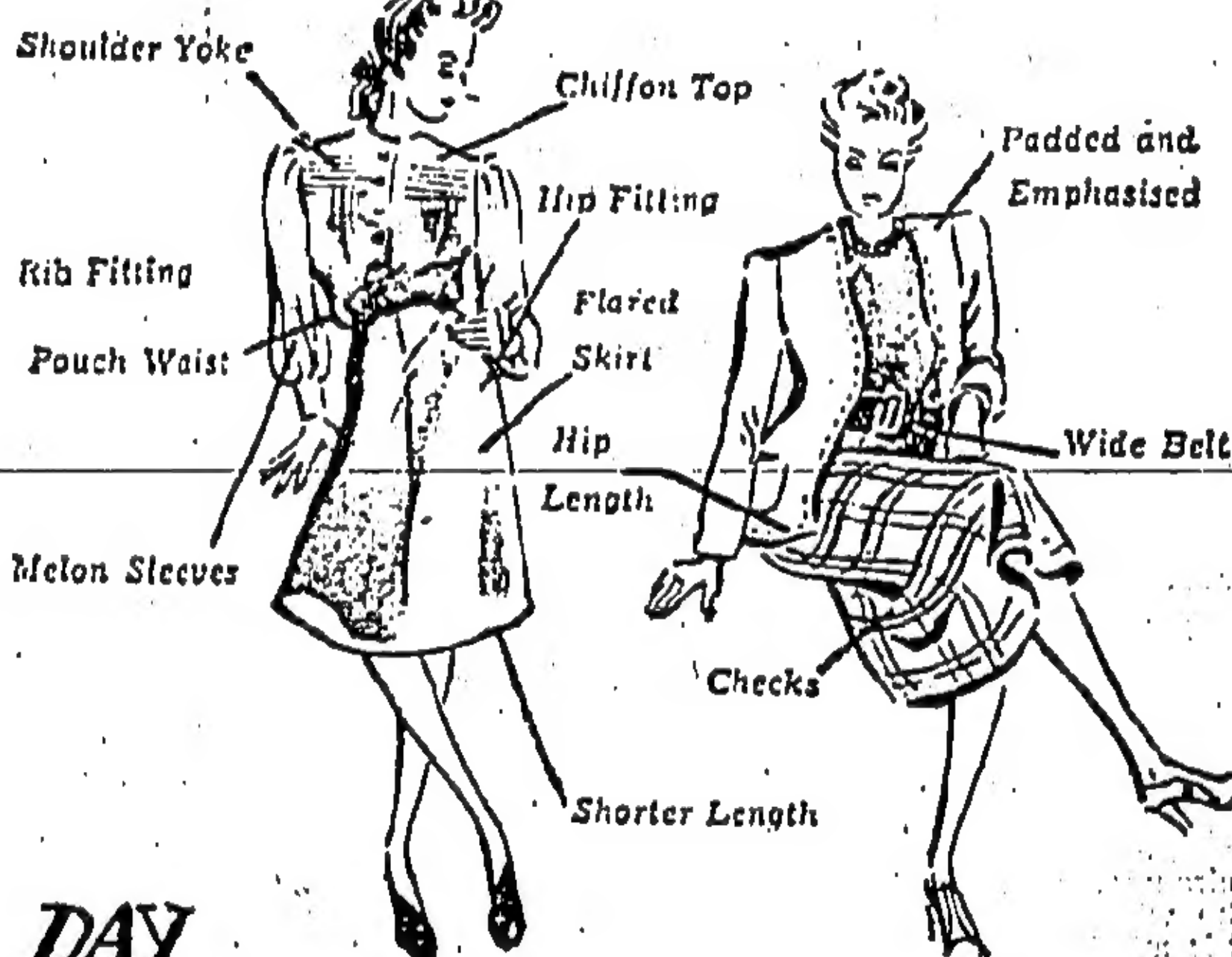
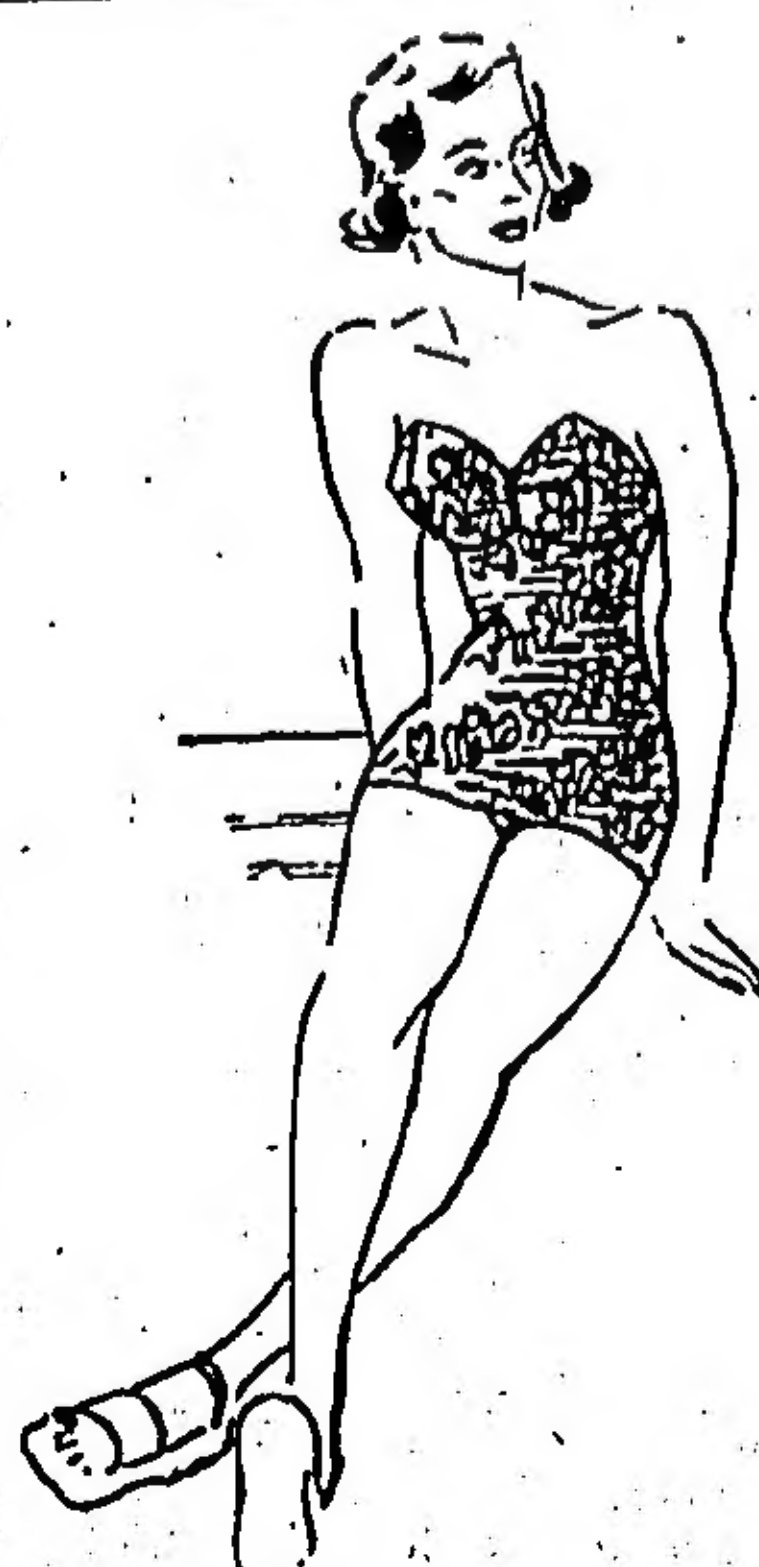
When a pillow begins to wear thin, shake the feathers down a bit and stretch the ticking across one end to make the pillow smaller. Then trim away the superfluous ticking, and re-stitch the seam.

If feathers begin to ooze through the ticking it is time you made another cover. You can put a new ticking over the old. This will give your pillow a new lease of life. The ideal "beauty" pillow is firm and just shoulder thick. A soft pillow, into which the head sinks deeply, is a trap for double chins!

When you want to arrange the pillows comfortably at an invalid's back always pile them flat on top of each other, so that she rests against the edges. Pillows arranged against curl round at the ends, and constantly need adjusting.

Most people who have to sit up in bed for any length of time know what a comfort a pillow under the knees can be. The best way to arrange it is to roll the pillow in a sheet and tuck the sheet ends firmly under the mattress, to prevent it slipping.

A foot pillow inserted in the same way will prevent the invalid from gradually slipping down in the bed.



DAY

The Revival Of Smocking

WITH the present revival of period fashions, the old-time smocking, beloved by our grandmothers, has come back into favour. It is seen this season on many frocks, blouses, coats, children's garments, and it is also used in the furnishing world as a means of decoration for curtains, cushion covers, and similar soft furnishings.

Shoe, muslin or silk curtains look very attractive with smocked headings worked in dainty shades of red and blue, green or yellow, and a charming finish for silk bolster cushions is to have the fullness gathered into bands of smocking worked in thick silk thread, the colour chosen being several shades darker than the cushions.

The newest draped dressing tables have their "petticoats" worked with smocked headings, and these look quaintly fascinating, especially in a country cottage type of bedroom.

Full-Skirted Frocks

In the fashion world, full skirts smocked into the bodices of frocks made of any thin material, and completed by a touch of smocking round the neck and puff sleeves, are very popular this year, so are blouses of crepe-de-chine, smocked round the circular neck, waist, and sleeves. Satin evening gowns, with tiny puff sleeves, or miniature shoulder capes have the shoulders smocked with heavy silk tending with the frock.

Many of the latest afternoon frocks have deep hip yokes and shoulders smocked with silk, either to match, or in contrasting shades. These are novel and attractive, though, of course, only suitable for slim figures.

For small girls, the little smocked frocks that were popular when Queen Victoria was on the throne are very fashionable again. These smocked

THESE will guide you for your new day and evening clothes. The keynote is simplicity.

Isobel, pioneer of English dress designing, is stressing navy with white, and black with white, for all town clothes.

There are very few embroideries, but many applied flowers and pique bows and those delightful interchangeable "touches" which will give your dresses and suits a new "feeling" every time they are worn. And with these blues and blacks—white hats.

Here are the keys to the new dress simplicity:

AFTERNOON

Exquisitely tailored coats, shorter, slightly flared, skirts, blue and black with white. Chiffon tops to dresses, slightly padded and emphasised shoulders, Melon sleeves.

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Coats, fully tailored, and hip-length—not longer.

Easy fitting, All skirts cut on the bias, Checks, large and small, Pastel shades, including a new mauve-pink and a blue grey, Wide belts.

EVENING

Dinner gowns remain slender, with baleros and bodices in varied fabrics.

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Long tailored skirts—straight and sleek (one of the most successful fashions Isobel has launched in recent years).

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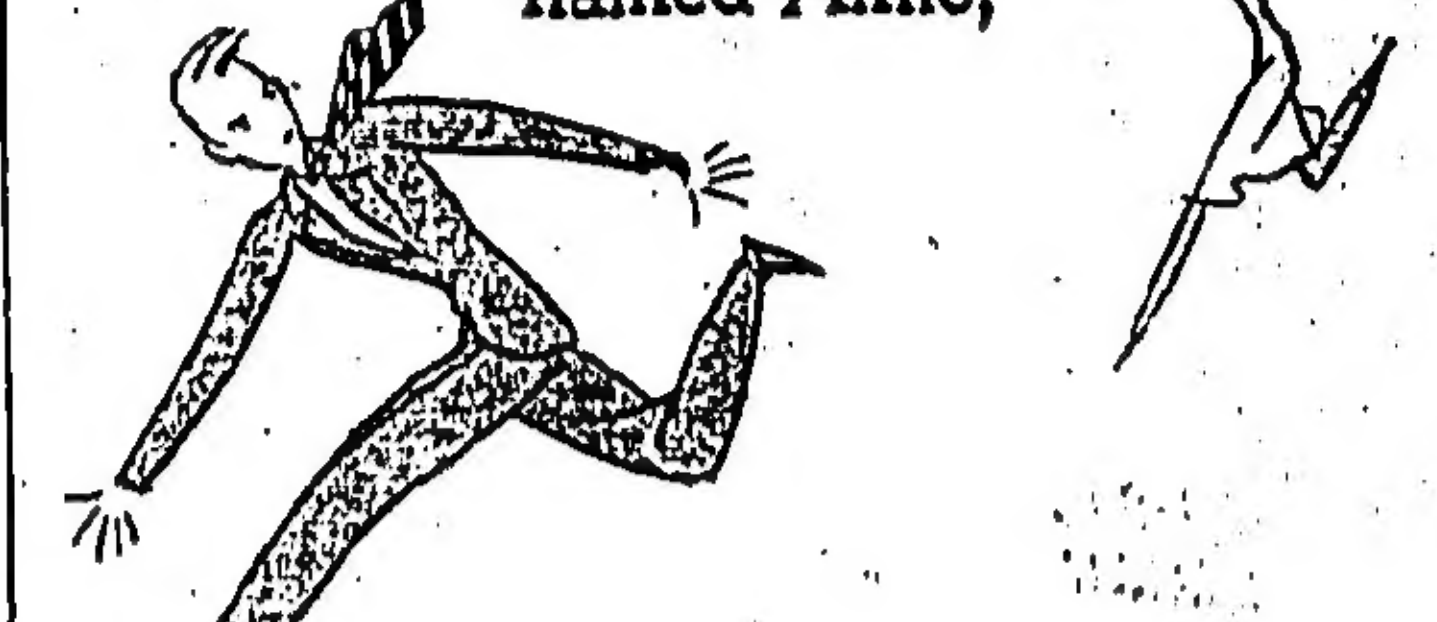
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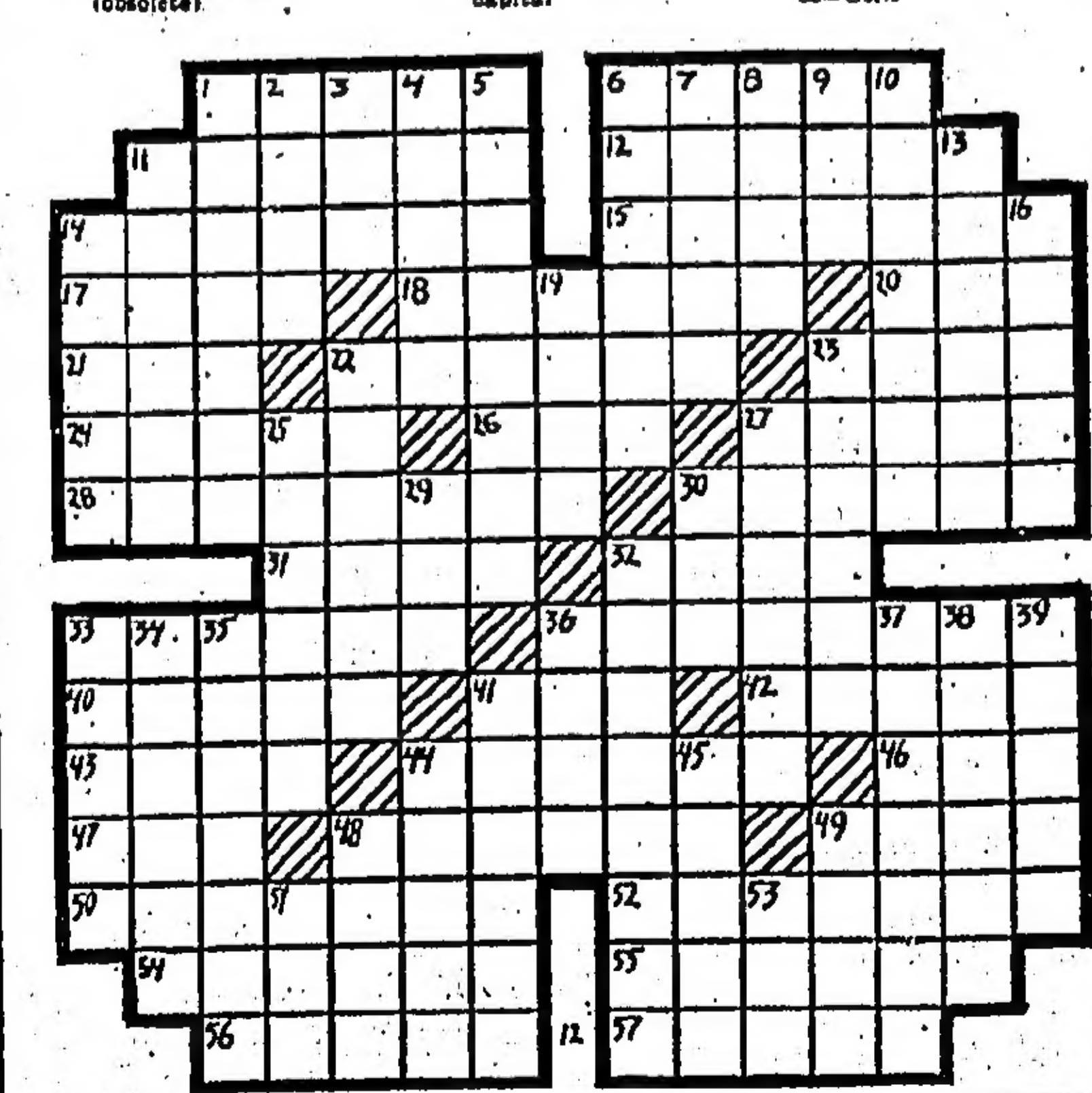
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1—Member of vegetable kingdom
- 2—Quipped with new property (law)
- 3—Egyptian god
- 4—Puzzle
- 5—Engaged people (word musical)
- 6—Building beam
- 7—Dressed
- 8—Unclose (poetic)
- 9—Deer in blue
- 10—Ballet (Spanish)
- 11—Foolish person
- 12—Law
- 13—Outer layer of terminal membrane
- 14—Draw back
- 15—Source of wood
- 16—Are full of fumes
- 17—Name of famous Roman road
- 18—Articles omitted
- 19—Monthing state
- 20—Musical exercise
- 21—Little place
- 22—Port over which
- 23—Form of glove
- 24—Name of dance
- 25—Take out
- 26—Heads of burden
- 27—Take away from
- 28—One who strikes (obsolete)

DOWN

- 1—Stop
- 2—Be defeated
- 3—Former Japanese capital
- 4—African native
- 5—Solid grey
- 6—Common wedding
- 7—Plant shoot used in wicker-work
- 8—Foolish
- 9—Suggestive
- 10—Autobiography
- 11—Hermaphrodite
- 12—Allegorical sound
- 13—No longer, new
- 14—Solid
- 15—Kiss as many phases
- 16—Faded—once
- 17—Followed behind
- 18—Eyes
- 19—Discontinue man
- 20—Furthest away
- 21—Faded—once
- 22—Looked attentively
- 23—Low wall on roof
- 24—Edge
- 25—Artificial mound
- 26—Ancient Roman
- 27—Stop
- 28—Girl's name
- 29—Take measure
- 30—Slowly (more)
- 31—Extravagant action
- 32—Toil
- 33—Try thing
- 34—College veil
- 35—Clasp



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LATE NEWS

China Asylum For The Jews

"Reuter" reports from Chungking that the Chinese Government is giving serious consideration to proposals for providing asylum in China for Jewish refugees. Originally H. H. Kung, Finance Minister, proposed establishment of Jewish settlement on Hainan Island but proposal must now be abandoned in view of Japanese operations there.

South-west provinces of Yunnan, Kweichow, Sikong and Szechuan are now suggested.

'Miss Pokerface' Champion

SMILING Jean Nicoll, sixteen-year-old junior lawn tennis champion, won the women's table tennis championship at Wembley recently.

"Little Miss Pokerface" as she is called, beat Miss Dora Emdin in the final after these two English girls had conquered the foreign challengers for the title.

FIRST TO WIN

This little, iron-nerved Harrow girl is the first player ever to win the English senior and junior table tennis titles in the one year. This was the first time that she has entered, and she is the youngest player ever to win the title.

Dora Emdin took the first game at 21-19, Jean the next at 21-15, lost the next 20-22, and won the fourth 21-10. Dora, keener, harder-hitting, pressed the advantage, but little Jean fought as she has never fought before.

Jean dropped a complete opening service in the final game.

It seemed over. But Jean fought with tremendous courage, drew level at 10-all.

Points then went step by step almost alternately, but Jean pulled through to win 21-17.

IT WAS GRAND

Afterwards Jean said: "I enjoyed it, every minute. I can't just quite realise it yet. It has been a grand game."

Richard Bergmann, of Austria, defeated B. Vana, the Czechoslovakian world singles champion, in a thrilling non-stop five-games set. Bergmann, usually a defensive player, hit like fury, while Vana, like a jack-in-the-box, retrieved everything.

They went hit for hit for the best part of an hour till Vana cracked. Bergmann, 14-13 down in the final game, took eight points in a row for the match.

In the men's doubles G. V. Barna and L. Vana and V. Tereba (Czechoslovakia) 19-21, 9-21, 21-12, 21-19, 21-15.

London

Bomb Found On Railway Track

The timely discovery of a bomb on the railway lines in the London suburb of Sarsden, about 50 yards off an iron viaduct, prevented a new outrage by terrorists yesterday. The bomb was fitted with a time fuse and, if it had exploded, it would have destroyed not only the lines but also the electric cables of two power stations in the vicinity.

Last evening's papers did not mention this latest attempt, probably in order not to frighten passengers using this line which is usually overcrowded in the evening hours. Special police from Scotland Yard have been busy combing the London districts chiefly inhabited by Irish people for traces of the perpetrators.

Watson & Co. Report

The General Managers and the Directors of A. S. Watson & Co. Limited report that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account at October 31, 1938, for the year under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, allowing for depreciation of Aerated Water and other Machinery and Plant, Motor Transport, Furniture, Fittings and Trade Utensils, &c., amounts to \$318,027.95, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year (\$75,202.85) leaving available for appropriation a total of \$393,230.80.

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Flying Boat Damage

Imperial Airways flying boat's passengers, mail arrive Singapore by to-morrow's regular air service, states "Reuter." Carpentaria damaged starboard wing, airscrew and float.

Japan Cancels Sport Tour

Japan has decided not to participate in any European rowing meets, owing to China hostilities, and has cancelled arrangements for sending crews to Henley Regatta, says "Reuter."

Japan Feeling The Pinch

"Reuter" reports leading Japanese banks have decided to restrict loans for speculative operations on general commodities, in addition to raw silk and silk textiles, in order to curb "recent unreasonable soaring of general commodity prices and to check inflationary tendencies."

Ice Defeat Japanese

Japanese troops at Lungmenshan, on east bank of Yellow River, attempted cross river on March 6, but found ice too thin for passage, "Reuter" reports.

Volunteers Cricket XI

Following will represent Volunteers vs. Royal Navy at King's Park on Sunday at 11 a.m.: A. C. Beck, R. M. M. King, L. T. Ride, W. I. Mackenzie, A. E. Perry, E. C. Fincher, A. Zimmerman, G. E. R. Divitt, K. M. Baxter, E. M. L. Soares, R. T. Broadbridge.

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EMPIRE DEFENCE Conference Called By New Zealand

Wellington, Mar. 9.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Michael Savage, has confirmed that Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand will hold a defence conference.

Mr. Savage stated that the conference will be called by New Zealand.

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